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ET TERTIO EDOVARDI
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ACTES

made in the Session of this present parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Westminster the fourth date of Nouember, in the second yere of oure moste drad souereigne Lorde Edward the VI. by the grace of God kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faith, and of the churche of England and also of Irelande, in yearth the supreme hed: and there continued & kept to the xiiii date of Marche, in the .iii. yere of oure said souereigne lorde, as foloweth.

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¶ An Act for the vniformitie of Seruice, and adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, throughout the Realme.

Where of long tyme there hath been had in this realme of England, & in Wales, diuerſe fourmes of comon prayer, commonly called the ſeruice of the Churche: that is to ſaie, the vſe of Sarū, of Yorke, of Bangor, and of Lincolne: And beſides theſame, nowe of late, muche more diuerſe and ſondry fourmes and faſhions, haue been vſed in the Cathedrall and Pariſhe churches of Englande and Wales, aſwel cōcernyng the Matins or morning prayer, and the Euenſong, as alſo concernyng the holy Communion, commonly called the Maſſe, with diuerſe and ſondery Rites and Ceremonies concernyng theſame, and in the adminiſtracion of other Sacramentes of the Churche: and as the doers and executors of the ſaid rites and Ceremonies, in other fourme then of late yeres thei haue been vſed, wer pleaſed therwith: So other not vſyng theſame Rites and Ceremonies, wer therby greatly offended. And albeit the kynges maieſtie, with the aduiſe of his moſte entierly beloued vncle the lorde Protector, and other of his highnes counſaill, hath heretofore diuerſe tymes aſſaied, to ſtaie innouacions, or newe rites concernyng the premiſſes: yet theſame hath not had ſuche good ſucceſſe, as his highnes required in that behalf, wherupon his highnes by the moſte prudent aduiſe aforeſaied, beyng pleaſed to beare with the frailtie, and weakenes of his ſubiectes in that behalf, of his greate clemencie hath not been onely contēt, to abſtain from puniſhement of thoſe, that haue offended in that behalf, for that his highnes taketh that thei did it of a good zeale: But alſo to the intent a vniforme, quiet, and godly order ſhould be had, concernyng the premiſſes, hath appointed Tharchebiſhop of Cantorbury, and certain of the moſte learned and diſcrete Biſhoppes, and other learned men of this realme, to conſider and ponder the premiſſes, and thereupon hauyng aſwell eye and reſpect, to the moſte ſincere and pure chriſtian Religion taught by the ſcripture, as to the vſages in the primatiue Churche, ſhould deawe and make one conuenient and mete order, rite and faſhion of common and open prayer, and adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, to be had and vſed in his maieſties realme of Englande, and in Wales: The whiche at this tyme, by the aide of the holy ghoſt, with one

vnifoꝛme agrement, is of theim concluded, ſetfurth and deliuered to his highnes, to his greate comfoꝛt and quietnes of mynde, in a booke entitled, The Booke of the common praier, and adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Churche, after the vſe of the Churche of Englande. Wherefoꝛe, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, conſideryng aſwell the moſte Godly trauell of the kynges highnes, of the lorde Protectoꝛ, and other of his highnes counſaill, in gatheryng and collectyng theſaid Archebiſhop, Biſhoppes, and learned men together, as the Godly Praiers, Oꝛders, Rites, and Ceremonies, in theſaied boke mencioned, and the conſideracions of alteryng thoſe thynges, whiche bee altered, and retenyng thoſe thynges, whiche be reteigned in theſaid boke: but alſo the honoꝛ of God and greate quietnes, whiche by the grace of God, ſhal enſue vpon the one and vnifoꝛme vſe and oꝛde in ſuche common praier and Rites, and externe Ceremonies, to bee vſed throughout Englande, and in Wales, at Calice and the marches of theſame, do geue to his highnes, moſte hartie and lowly thākes foꝛ theſame, and humbly praien, that it maie bee oꝛdeigned and enacted by his maieſtie, with the aſſent of the loꝛdes and commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled and by thauctheꝛitie of theſame, that all and ſyngulier perſone and perſons, that haue offended concernyng the premiſſes other then ſuche perſone and perſones, as now be, and remain in ward in the towꝛ of London, oꝛ in the Fleete, maie be pardoned theroꝛ, and that all and ſyngulier miniſters, in any Cathedꝛall oꝛ Pariſhe Churche, oꝛ other place within this realme of Englande, Wales, Calice, and marches of theſame, oꝛ other the kynges dominions, ſhall from and after the feaſt of Pentecoſte next comyng, be bounden to ſaie and dꝛie the Matins, Euenſong, celebracion of the Loꝛdes ſupper commonly called the Maſſe, and adminiſtracion of eche of the Sacramentes, and all theiꝛ common and open praier, in ſuche oꝛde and foꝛme, as is mencioned in theſaied boke, and none other oꝛ otherwiſe. And albeit that theſame bee ſo godly and good, that theꝛ geue occaſion to euery honeſt and conformable man, moſt willyngly to embꝛace theim: Yet leſt any obſtinate perſone, who willyngly would diſturbe ſo Godly oꝛde and quiet in this realme, ſhould not go vnpuniſhed: that it maie alſo be oꝛdeined and enacted, by thauctheꝛitie aforeſaied, that if any maner of Perſon, Vicar oꝛ other, whatſoeuer miniſter that ought oꝛ ſhould, ſyng oꝛ ſaie common Praier, mencioned in theſaied boke, oꝛ miniſter the Sacramentes, ſhall after theſaied feaſt of Pentecoſt next comyng, refuſe to vſe theſaied common praiers, oꝛ to miniſter the Sacramentes, in ſuche Cathedꝛall oꝛ Pariſhe Churche, oꝛ other places as he ſhould vſe oꝛ Miniſtre theſame, in ſuche oꝛde and foꝛme, as theꝛ be mencioned and ſet furthe in theſaid boke, oꝛ ſhall vſe wilfully, and obſtinately ſtanding in theſame, any other Rite, Ceremony oꝛde, foꝛme, oꝛ maner of Maſſe openly oꝛ priuely, oꝛ Matins, Euenſong,

ſong.adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes,or other open prayer,then is mencioned and ſet furthe in the ſaied boke:(open prayer in and throughout this Acte, is ment that Prayer vvhiche is for other to come vnto,or heare,either in common Churches or priuate Chapelles or Oratories,commonly called the Seruice of the Churche) or ſhall preache, declare, or ſpeake any thyng in the derogacion, or depraueng of the ſaied booke, or any thyng therin conteigned,or of any part therof,and ſhalbe therof lawfully conuicted,accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, by verdite of .xii. men,or by his awne confeſſion, or by the notorious euidence of the facte, ſhall loſe and forfet to the Kynges highnes,his heires and ſucceſſors, for his firſt offence,the profite of ſuche one of his ſpiritual benefices or promocions,as it ſhall pleaſe the kynges highnes,to aſſigne or appoinct,commyng and arisyng in one whole yere,next after his conuiccion. And alſo that the ſame perſon ſo conuicted, ſhall for the ſame offence ſuffre empriſonmēt by the ſpace of vi monethes,without baile or mainprize.And if any ſuche perſone,once conuict of any offence concernyng the premiſſes, ſhall after his firſt conuiccion eftſones offende,and be therof in fourme aforeſaied,lawfully conuicte,that then the ſame perſone, ſhall for his ſecond offence ſuffre empriſonment.by the ſpace of one whole yere,and alſo ſhall therfore be deprined *ipſo facto* of all his ſpirituall promocions, and that it ſhalbee lawfull to all patrons,donors, graunters,of all and ſinguler the ſame ſpirituall promocions,to preſent to the ſame any other able clerke,in like maner and fourme, as though the partie ſo offendyng were ded. And that if any ſuche perſone or perſones,after he ſhalbe twife conuicted,in fourme aforeſaied,ſhall offende againſt any of the premiſſes the third tyme, and ſhalbe therof in forme aforeſaied lawfully conuicted,that then the perſone ſo offendyng,and conuicted the third tyme, ſhall ſuffre empriſonment duryng his life. And if the perſone that ſhall offende,and be conuict in fourme aforeſaied,concernyng any of the premiſſes ſhall not bee benefited, nor haue any ſpirituall promocion, that then the ſame perſone ſo offendyng and conuict ſhall for the firſt offence ſuffre impriſonment duryng ſixe monethes, without baile or mainprize. And if any ſuche perſon,not hauyng any ſpirituall promocion,after his firſt conuiccion,ſhall eftſones offende in any thyng concernyng the premiſſes,and ſhall in fourme aforeſaid be therof lawfully conuicted,that then the ſame perſone,ſhall for his ſeconde offence, ſuffre impriſonment duryng his life.

AND it is ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie aboueſaied, that if any perſone or perſones what ſoeuer, after the ſaied feaſt of Penthecoſt next commyng,ſhall in any Enterludes,Plaies,ſonges,Rimes, or by other open wordes,declare,or ſpeake any thyng,in the derogacion depraueng,or diſpraiſyng of the ſame boke, or of any thyng therin conteigned,or any part therof,or ſhall by open fact,deede,or by open threatenynges,compell,or cauſe,or otherwiſe procure,or maintegne any Par-

sone, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or Parishe Churche, or in chapell, or in any other place, to syng or say any commō and open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other maner or fourme, then is mencioned in the said booke, or that by any of the said meanes, shall vnlawfully interrupt or let any Persone, Vicar, or other Ministers in any Cathedrall or Parishe Churche, Chapel, or any other place, to syng or sate common and open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes, or any of them, in suche maner and fourme, as is mencioned in the said booke, that then euery person beyng therof lawfully conuicted, in fourme aboue sated, shall forfet to the kyng our souereigne lorde, his heires and successors, for the first offence, x. l. And if any persone or persones, beyng once conuict of any suche offence, eftsones offende against any of the premisses, and shall in fourme aforesaid, be thereof lawfully conuict, that then the same person so offendyng and conuict, shall for the seconde offence, forfet to the kyng our souereigne Lorde, his heires and successors xx. l. And if any persons after he in forme aforesaid, shall haue been twise conuict of any offence, concernyng any of the premisses, shall offende the third tyme, and be therof in fourme aboue said lawfully conuict, that then euery persone so offendyng and conuict, shall for his third offence, forfet to our souereigne lorde the kyng, all his goodes and cattalles, and shall suffre emprisonment duryng his life. And if any person or persones, that for his first offence concernyng the premisses, shalbee conuict in fourme aforesaid, doe not pate the some to be paied by vertue of his conuiccion, in suche maner and fourme, as the same ought to be paied within sixe wekes next after his conuiccion, that then euery persone so conuict, and so not payng the same, shal for the same first offence, in stede of the said x. l. suffre emprisonment, by the space of three monethes, without baill or mainprise. And if any person or persones, that for his seconde offence, concernyng the premisses, shalbee conuict in fourme aforesaid, do not pate the some, to bee paied by vertue of his conuiccion, in suche maner and forme as the same ought to be paied, within sixe wekes next after his said second conuiccion, that then euery persone so conuicte, and not so paiyng the same, shall for the same seconde offence, in the stede of the said xx. l. suffre emprisonment duryng sixe monethes, without baill or mainprise.

AND it is ordeined and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaied, that al and euery Justices of *Oyer and Determiner*, or Justices of Assise, shall haue full power and authoritie, in euery of their open and generall Sessiōs, to enquire, heare and determyne, all and all maner of offences, that shalbe committed or doen contrary to any article, conteigned in this present act, within the limittes of the commission to them directed, and to make proces for the execucion of the same, as thei maie do against any persone, beyng endited before them, of trespasse or lawfully conuicted therof.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaied,

saied, that all and euery Archebishop, and Bishoppe, shall or maie at all tyme and tymes, at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate hymself by vertue of this acte, to the said Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or to the said Justices of Assise, at euery of the said open and generall Sessions, to be holden in any place within his Dioces, for. and to the inquirie, hearyng, and determinyng, of the offences aforesaid.

PROVIDED alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to any man, that vnderstandeth the Greke, Latin and Hebrewe toungue, or other straunge tongue, to saie and haue the said praiers, heretofore specified of Matins and Euensong, in Latyn, or any suche other toungue, saiyng the same priuatly. as thei doo vnderstande. And for the further encouragyng of learnyng in the toungues, in the Vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, to vse and exercise in their common and open praier. in their Chapelles (beyng no parishe churches) or other places of praier. the Matins Euensong, Letany, and all other praiers. (The holy Communion commonly called the Masse, excepted, prescribed in the saied boke) prescribed in Greke Latin or Hebrew, any thyng in this present act, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also, that it shalbee lawfull for all men, aswell in churches, Chapelles, oratories, or other places, to vse openly any Psalme or praier, take out of the Bible. at any due tyme. not lettyng or omittyng thereby the Seruice, or any part therof mencioned in the saied boke.

PROVIDED also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that the bokes concernyng the saied seruice, shall at the costes and charges, of the Parishoners of euery Parishe, and Cathedrall Churche bee attained and gotten. before the feast of Penthecost next folowyng, or before. and that all suche Parishe and Cathedrall churche, or other places where the saied bokes shalbe attained and gotten, before the said feast of Penthecost, shall within three wekes next after, the saied bokes so attained and gotten, vse the said Seruice, and put the same in vre, accordyng to this act.

AND be it further enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaied. that no persone or persones, shalbee at any tyme hereafter empeached, or otherwise molested, of, or for any of the offences aboue mencioned, hereafter to bee committed or doen. contrary to this act. onelesse he or thei so offendyng. be thereof endited at the next generall Sessions, to bee holden before any suche Justices of Oyer and Determiner, or Justices of Assise next after any offence committed or doen, contrary to the tenor of this act.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it ordeigned and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaied, that all and synguler lordes of the Parliament, for the third offence aboue mencioned, shalbe tried by their Peres.

PROVIDED also, and bee it ordeigned and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaied, that the Maior of London, and all other Maiors, Bailifes, and other hed officers, of all and synguler Cities, Borroughes

and tounes corporate, within this realme, Wales, Calice, and the marches of thesame, to the whiche Justices of Assise dooe not commonly repaire, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to enquire, heare, and determyne the offences abouesaied, and euery of theim yerely, within .xv. daies after the feasties of Easter, and saincte Michaell the Archangell, in like maner and forme, as Justices of Assise and Oyer and Determiner maie do.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that all and synguler Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, and euery of their Chauncellors, Commissaries, Archedeacõs, and other Ordinaries, hauyng any peculier Ecclesiasticall iurisdiccion, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, aswell to enquire in their visitacions and Synodes, and els where within their iurisdiccion, at any other tyme and place, to take accusacõs and informacions, of all and euery the thynges aboue mencioned, dooen, committed, or perpetrate, within the limites of their iurisdiccions and auctoritie, and to punisshe thesame by admonicion, excommunicacion, sequestracõ, or depriuacion, and other censures and processe, in like fourme, as hereto fore hath been vsed in like cases, by the lynges Ecclesiasticall lawes.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it enacted, that what soeuer persone offendyng in the premisses, shall for the first offence receiue punisshment of the Ordinarie, hauyng a testimoniall therof, vnder thesaied Ordinaries seale, shall not for thesame offence eftsones be conuicted before the Justices: and likewise receiuyng for thesaid first offence punishment by the Justices, he shall not for thesame offence, eftsones receiue punisshment of the Ordinary, any thyng conteigned in this act to the contrary notwithstandyng.

¶ The .ii. Chapiter.

An act, touchyng the true seruice of Captaines and Souldiours.

WHere before this tyme, diuerse of the lynges maiesties louyng and obedient subiectes, accordyng to their bounden dueties, haue assigned, appoynted and sent furthe, aswell in the parties beyonde the seas, and to the seas, as also into Scotlande and other places, diuerse bothe within this realme, and without this realme, many able persones or souldiors, well furnished with good Horsses and Harneses, mete to serue the lyng inwarres, to their greate charges and costes: Yet some of thesaid souldiors so sent, do serue contrary to their said Masters expectacion, and contrary to their bounden dueties to the lynges highnes, haue solde, loste, exchaunged, or altered their Masters Horsse and Harnes, or otherwise by deceipt or coueyn conuerted thesame: By meane

meane whereof the kynges highnes hath not onely been destitute of the=
same souldiors in tyme of neede, but also the owners of the saied Horses
and Harnes, who sent theim thether haue been vntruly deceiued of their
Horses and Harneles, beyng therby lesse able to refurnish other the like
souldiors with Horse and Harneles, at suche tyme as they shalbee there=
vnto commaunded by the kynges highnes. And sometyme the Capitai=
nes of suche souldiors departed haue demaunded, had and taken of the
kynges highnes wages for the same souldiors so departed: by meane
whereof the kynges maiestie hath sustained and borne greate paimentes,
and yet his Maiestie hath not been truly serued for the same, not litle to
the displeasure of the kyng, and to the greate charge of the poore subiect=
tes beyng commaunded to setfurthe suche souldiors: For remedy wher=
of, bee it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the
Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present
Parliament assembled, and the auctoritie of the same, that if any soul=
dior hereafter, serueyng the kyng in his warres, in any his dominions, or
on the seas, or beyond the seas, or in Scotlande, after the first date of A=
prill next commyng, do sel, geue awaie, or wilfully purlome, or otherwise
exchaunge, alter, or put awaie any Horse, Geldyng or Mare, or any har=
nes wherewithe he shalbee setfurthe, that then euery suche souldior so of=
fendyng, vpon due proffe or testimony, to bee taken before the Lieute=
naunt, high Admirall the kynges deputie, viceadmirall, Wardein or ca=
pitain, and in their absence before any of their deputies, shalbee impriso=
ned by the same Lieutenaunt, or any other before named, there to remain
without bail or mainprise, vntill he haue satisfied to the partie, owner
of the Horse Geldyng, Mare or Harnes, so by hym solde, purloyned, ex=
chaunged, wilfully lost, altered or otherwise made awaie. And if suche
souldior so offendyng, fortune to escape from the lieutenaunt, and other
the foresaid persons, without the punishement and restitucion aforesaid,
that then the same souldior, vpon complaint made by the partie greued,
or his executors or administrators, vpon due proffe therof to bee made
to any Justice or Justices of Peace, in the parties where suche souldior
so offendyng shalbe found, shalbe by suche Justice or Justices commit=
ted to Ward, there to remain without bail or mainprise vntill he haue
satisfied the partie greued, his Executors or administrators, of, and for
suche Horses, Geldynges, or Mares and Harnes, so by any suche soul=
dior wilfully lost, exchaunged, altered, or otherwise purloyned.

PROVIDED alwaie, that if the said souldior, bryng any sufficie=
ent warraunt or testimony, before the said Justice, from the saied lieute=
naunt, or any of the persons above named in writyng vnder the seale of
any of theim, testifiyng that the same Horse or Harnes, were lost in the
kynges seruice, against the will of the said souldior, or that the same horse
or Harnes, was taken by the saied lieutenaunt, or any of thothers before
named, from the saied souldior, for any reasonable respect, and appoync=

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ted to some other, to serue in the place and stede of thesaied souldior: that then euery suche souldior, not bryngyng to the owner thesaid Horse and Harnes shalbe discharged thereof, against the owner therof. And that then euery suche souldior to whom thesaied Horse or Harnes shalbe appoincted, as is aforesaid, not bryngyng home to the owner thesaid Horse and harnes, after he shalbe discharged, to suffre like pain as is aforesaid

AND be it also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any souldior seruyng as is aforesaid, depart without licence of the lieuetenant, or any of the others aboue named, with botie or otherwise beyng in the enemies countrey, or els where in the kynges seruice, or out of any Garrison, where he or thei shalbee appoyncted to serue, that then euery suche souldior, so departyng without licence, to be taken and iudged as a Felon, and to bee executed as in cases of Felony, without hauyng any aduauntage of his Clergie or Sanctuary, and that the Iustices of euery Shire, where any suche souldior shalbe taken, shall haue full power to enquire, heare and determyne, all and euery thesaied offences, concernyng euery suche departure, as thei do and maie in other cases of Felony, committed in the Shire, where suche souldior shalbe taken.

AND be it also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any Commissioner or Capitain, to whom the kyng shall direct his commaundement, by Commission or letters, for the leuiyng or settyng furth of any man, to serue the kyng in his warres, shall at any tyme after thesaied first daie of Aprill, for any gain, rewarde, or other lucre, discharge any persone or persones, by hym appoincted to serue the kyng, as a Capitain, souldior, or Pianor, of his seruice so appoyncted, and doo assigne any other persone or persones in his or their stede, for any lucre or gain, as is aforesaid: that then euery Commissioner, or other persone so offendyng shall forfeit to the kyng, for euery suche defaut, of euery manne so discharged. xx. l. to be leuied of his goodes and cattalles.

AND be it also enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if any Capitain beyng appoyncted to haue the ordre of any nombre of souldiors, vnder any other higher officer, doo for any cause licence any souldior in his retinue, to depart frō the felde or fortresse, where thei shalbe appoyncted to serue, without the especiall assent and licence in writyng of the lieuetenaunt, or the others before named, shall forfeit and lose for euery suche souldior, so by hym licensed to depart. xx. l. to be leuied as is aforsaid, to the vse of the kyng.

AND be it also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any lieuetenaunt, or any other before named, hauyng the ordre of any nombre of souldiors, seruyng as is aforesaied, vpon the sea or lande, doo at any tyme after thesaied firste daie of Aprill demaunde, receiue, or take of the kynges highnes, or any of his thresurers, any wages for any more souldiors, then serued in suche maner and forme, as the wages was paied for or for any mo daies then suche souldiors serued, & doo not note the daie

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of euery ſouldiors entrie into wages, and daie of his death and departure, and deliuer theſame to ſuche threaſurers, as ſhall paie theſaid wages, euery moneth in writyng, ſo as the truthe of the nombre of the ſouldiors, maie appere to the kynges Threaſaurer, and Maſter of the kynges Muſters, for the tyme beeyng in that behalfe, that then euery ſuche lieuetenaunt, and other before named ſo offendyng, ſhall forfeit and loſe to the kyng, for euery ſuche defaute. v.l. to be leuied as is aforeſaied, to the vſe of the kyng, and to be impriſoned by the ſpace of one moneth, and to loſe his roume and office.

AND be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that no Capitain: after theſaied firſt daie of Aprill, ſhall geue to any of his ſouldiors, appoynted to ſerue vnder hym, in any toune or Fortreſſe, kepte with garriſõs of ſouldiors any licenſe or paſſeporres, to depart from his ſeruice, but onely the Lieutenaunt or any others as is aforeſaied, vpon pein of impriſonment, aſwell of the capitain as ſouldior ſo offendyng at the diſcretion of theſaied Lieutenaunt, or the others before named.

AND bee it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforeſaied, that euery Lieuetenaunt, and other before named, vpon the pein of. x. l. ſhall cauſe to bee Proclamed, the whole effect and contentes of this Act. That is to ſaie, euery Lieuetenaunt of any armie, in euery felde vnder his charge, to Proclame this act euery moneth, and that euery of the kynges deputies of euery Fortreſſe, and Capitain of any other Fortreſſe, to proclame this act within his charge, once euery quarter of a yere.

AND alſo bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, for the better execucion of the premiſſes, that euery perſone or perſones geuyng to the Lieuetenaunt, or the others aboue named, true informacion of any of the offences aboue remembred, ſhall haue for his labor one moneths wages, of hym that ſhalbe found fautie, to bee paied by the hande of the Threaſurer, vpõ warraunt of theſaid lieuetenaunt or any of the others aforeſaied.

PROVIDED alwaies, that nothyng herein conteigned, ſhall in anywiſe extend to touche or infringe any orders, eſtabliſhed for the gouernement of Calice, and the Marches of theſame, or any other place of the kynges now gouerned, or hereafter to bee gouerned by theſame orders, or by ſuche ordres as maie pleaſe his grace, hereafter to ſet furthe for theſame.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaid, that it ſhalbe lefull to all and euery of theſaid lieuetenauntes, and other theſaied perſones, to reteigne in his or their awne handes, to their awne vſe, of the wages of his or their ſouldiors, the ſommes folowyng, that is to ſaie. vi. ſ. viii. d. for the liuery or cote of euery yoman ſouldior, and. xiii. ſ. iiii. d. for the liuery or cote, of euery gentleman ſouldiour for one whole yere.

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by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſaid, that no maner of lieutenaunt, oꝛ any other theſaied perſones, ſhall hereafter be charged oꝛ preiudiced by vertue of this act, oꝛ any thyng therin conteigned, foꝛ lacke of his oꝛ their nombꝛe reteigned, as is afoꝛeſaid, foꝛ, oꝛ concernyng any ſouldioꝛ oꝛ ſouldioꝛs, as ſhall happen to dye duryng his ſeruice, oꝛ to be ſicke by the viſitacio of God, oꝛ that ſhall depart againſt the will of his lieutenaunt, oꝛ other beſoꝛe named, onleſſe it ſhalbe in the defaute of any of theim.

PROVIDED alwaies, that this act be not preiudicial noꝛ hurtfull to theſaied lieutenaunt, oꝛ any other theſaid perſones, noꝛ any other hauyng vnder them retinue of ſouldioꝛs, noꝛ any of theim, foꝛ non paiment of the kynges wages, to their houſholde ſeruauntes and other to whom thei ſhall daily finde and geue meate and dꝛynke, duryng theſaid ſeruice of warre.

PROVIDED alwaie, that this acte noꝛ nothyng therein conteigned, ſhall extende to charge any perſone oꝛ perſones, foꝛ the takyng oꝛ receiuyng, of any gift oꝛ reward, of any of his oꝛ their tenauntes oꝛ frendes, towardes the relief, aide oꝛ helpe of theſame perſones, beyng commaũded by the kynges maieſtie, to ſerue in warres, oꝛ otherwiſe to finde menne on hoꝛſebacke, oꝛ on foote, aſwell within this realme oꝛ without. Noꝛ foꝛ the gift, reward, ayde, oꝛ helpe, reſerued oꝛ couenaunted to bee paied, oꝛ geuen to any perſone, appoyncted to ſerue in warres, oꝛ to finde hoꝛſe oꝛ men, to ſerue by reaſon of any graunt, couenaunt, reſeruacion, cuſtome oꝛ tenure.

PROVIDED, that this acte noꝛ any thyng therein conteigned, ſhall not extende to charge any lieutenaunt, oꝛ others aboue named, foꝛ deteinyng oꝛ retemyng, any part of any ſaied ſouldioꝛs wages, toward oꝛ foꝛ the paiment of Victailes, Harnes, Weapons, oꝛ foꝛ any preſt money prouided and deliuered to any ſuche ſouldioꝛ.

The.iii. Chapiter.

An act touchyng Purueioꝛs.

THE kynges moſte excellent maieſtie, is pleaſed and contented, by thaduiſe of his honoꝛable Counſaill, at the humble petition, ſute, and cõplaint of his louyng and obedient ſubiectes: that it be enacted by his highnes, with the conſent of the Loꝛdes and Commons, in this preſent Parliamẽt aſſembled, and by aucthoꝛitie of theſame, that from and after the feaſt of ſainct Jhon the Baptiſt, whiche ſhalbee in the yere of our Loꝛde God. M.cccc.xlix. vntill theſaied feaſt of ſainct Jhon the Baptiſt, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Loꝛde God. M.cccc.lu. no Purueioꝛ oꝛ taker, oꝛ any other perſone oꝛ perſones, by aucthoꝛitie of any commiſſion oꝛ commiſſions, oꝛ other wꝛityng oꝛ wꝛityngs heretofoꝛe graũted oꝛ made, oꝛ hereafter to bee graunted oꝛ made, by the kynges maieſtie,

ſtie, or by any other warrant letter or aucthoritie whatſoeuer, ſhall puruey or take for the prouiſion of the kynges Maieſties moſte honorable houſhold, or for the prouiſion of the houſholdes of the kynges maieſties ſiſters or any other perſon or perſones, any Corne, Grain, Malt, Weale Calues, Lambes, Kiddes, Hennes, Chekins, Capons, Wildefoule, Butter, Cheeſe, Egges, Beifes, Muttons, Fiſhe, Timbre, Woodde, Cole, Strawe, Haye, or any other kynde of vitailes, without the full aſſent and conſent, of the owner or owners of theſame, and at ſuche price and prices, for ready money, or money to be paied at ſuche dates and places, as ſuche purueior, taker, or other perſon or perſons, can and ſhall agree with the owner, or owners of theſame.

AND beit further enacted by thaucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that from, and after the feaſt of Chriſtemas, whiche ſhalbee in the yere of our Lorde God. M. v. C. xlix. vntill the feaſt of Chriſtemas whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. v. C. lii. no purueior or any other perſone or perſones, by aucthoritie of any commiſſion or commiſſions, or other writyng or writynges, heretofore graunted or made, or hereafter to be made or graũted, by the kynges maieſtie, or by any other warrant, letter, or aucthoritie whatſoeuer, ſhall puruey or take, for any of the kynges maieſties affaires, or for any other cauſe or matter, concernyng the warres, or otherwiſe, any goodes, cattailes, trees, timbre, or other thynges whatſoeuer (ſauyng onely bargES, ſhippes, and other veſſelles, cartes, cartiages, and thynges neceſſary for cariages) without the aſſentes and full agrementes, of the owner or owners of theſame, and at ſuche price and prices, for redy money, or money to be paied, at ſuche dayes and places, as any ſuche purueyor, taker, or other perſone or perſones, ſhall or ſhall agree with the owner, or owners of theſame. And if any purueior or taker, or any other perſone or perſones, ſhall after any of the ſaid feaſtes, of ſaincte Iohn Baptiſt, and Chriſtmas next commyng, procure or attempt, to take or puruey for the kynges maieſtie, or for any other perſon or perſones, any vitailes or other thynges whatſoeuer, contrary to the true meanyng of this act: That then ſuche taker, purueior, or any other ſuche perſone or perſones ſo offendyng, ſhall forfaite to the partie or parties greued, treble the value or values, of the thing or thinges ſo taken or purueied, and ſhall alſo ſuffre emprſonmẽt, by the ſpace of one quarter of a yere, without baile or mainprſe, and ſhall make fine at the kynges will and pleaſure: For the whiche forfaiture, the partie or parties greued ſhall haue his remedy by action of debt, information or otherwiſe, in any of the kynges Courtes of Record, in whiche action, ſute or information, no eſſoyn, wager of lawe, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſaied, that it ſhall and maie be lefull, duryng the yeres before ſpecified, to any perſone or perſones, by aucthoritie of the kynges commiſſion or commiſſions, or by aucthoritie of any letter or commiſſiõ,

to bee directed from the lorde Protectors grace, or from any twoo of the kynges priuey counsaill, or from the Maister of the Postes, or from any the kynges Lieuetenauntes, Generalles, Deputies, Wardens, or any of their deputies in his warres, to take Poste Horses or Geldynges, for the conueighyng or carryng, of any persone or persones, aboute the kynges maiesties affaires, paying to the owner or owners, of suche Poste Horses or Geldynges, after the rate of one peny for euery mile, any thyng or matter, conteined in this acte, to the contrary therof in anywise notwithstandyng.

AND where the kynges maiestie, doth allowe for euery carte, carryng his graces cariages of houshold, twoo pence for a mile cariage: It is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that from, and after the feast of sainct Jhon Baptist next commyng, vntill thesaied feast of sainct Jhon Baptist, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a.M.v.C.lu. there shalbe allowed and paied, to the owner and owners, of euery suche cart, carryng the kynges cariages, of his housholde, iiii.d. for euery mile cariage. And for the cariages of any other of the kynges cariages, for the warres or otherwise, durying the yeres aforesaid, iii.d. for euery mile cariage: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng.

The.iiii.Chapiter.

An acte for the Sheriefes, to haue certain allowaunces, vpon their accoumptes.

MOste humbly beseechen the kynges moste excellent Maiestie, his true and faithfull subiectes, the commons in this present Parliament assembled: That where in the Parliament begonne at Westminster, the.xvi.daie of January, in the.xxiiii.yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lorde of famous memory kyng Henry theight, and by prorogacion holden at Westminster, the.xiii daie of January, in the xxxiiii. yere of the reigne of our saied late souereigne lorde, and there continued vntill the xii.daie of Maie, in the.xxxv.yere of the reigne, of thesaid late kyng: Vpon diuerse and sondery consideracions, there was enacted and made one act, by the auctoritie of thesame Parliament, concernyng the accompt or accomptes of Sheriefes, to be made in the Exchequier, as in thesame acte more plainly at large it is conteigned. And albeit it was ment, at the tyme of the makyng of thesaied act, as it maie appere by the woordes of thesaied acte, that Sheriefes should not bee charged vpon their accoptes, but onely with suche somes of money, as thei might lawfully leuie: And also that thesaied Sheriefes, should haue allowaunce, not all onely for suche charges and expences, as thei should sustein and beare for the dieties and charges of the Iustices of Assise, but also for

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other necessary chargys and expences by theim susteined, in, and aboute the exercisyng of their saied office: Yet neuertheiesse, theiaied Sherieffes are, and haue been, sithen the makyng of theiaied acte, more and more charged, vexed, and troubled, then thei wer before, to the greate impouerisheinent, of men of worshippe and gentlemen, within this realme, that haue been Sherieffes, and so is very like to be, to all suche as hereafter shalbe Sherieffes, if remedy be not prouided in this behalf: It maie therfore please the kynges moste excellent maiestie, that it maie be enacted, and established, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of theiame, that theiayd former act, and all clauses and sentences, in theiame conteined, shalbe from henceforthe, clearly frustrate & voyd, to all intētes & purposes, other then hereafter in this act shalbe specified.

AND that it maie bee enacted, by this present Parliament, that the Sherieffes whiche shalbe made, from henceforth, within all the Shires of Englande: and also suche as haue not made, and finished their accōpt or accomptes, shall haue suche and like tayles of rewarde, and all suche other allowances, as thei had, before the makyng of theiaid former act, or eis theiame Sherieffes, whiche shalbe, or heretofore haue been, to bee at their election and choyse, to accompt, and all other thynges to do, accordyng to the aforeiaied former act. And that thei and euery of theim, that so shall accompt, and take no tayle of reward, shalbe in, and by all thynges intreated, in the kynges Exchequier, as though theiaid former act were, and should continue, in his full strength and effecte, any thyng before specified notwithstandyng. And that theiame tayles of rewarde, and euery of them, by force of this present act, without any further warrant or warrantes, to be obteigned for theiame, shalbe leuied or striken, at the receipte of the kynges Maiesties Exchequier, in due maner and forme, with suche like letters or writynges, vpō theiame tailes, and euery of them, as before the makyng of theiaied former act, were and haue been accustomed, to bee leuied and striken. And that theiame tayles so hereafter, there to bee leuied and striken, shalbe deliuered vnto euery of theiame Sherieffes, or their sufficient attorney for theim, without prest, or other charge to be set vpon them for theiame And that this act shalbe a sufficient warrant and discharge, vnto the Threasaurer of Englande, and all other officers, within theiaied receipt, for strikyng, leuiyng, and deliuery of theiaied tailes, and euery of them. And further, that all those Sherieffes, that hereafter shalbe made within those shires of Englande, where as no tayles of reward, heretofore haue been, by the kynges maiesties moste noble progenitors, geuen and graunted, and suche Sheriffes as shall hereafter, take no tayle of reward, shall in consideration of their greate costes, charges, and expenses, whiche thei shalll beare and sustein, aswell by the dyettes of the Justices of Assises, as by any other meanes, haue vpon the ende of their accomptes, and of euery of theim,

ſuche allowances, vpon a petition to be made, by theſame Sheriffes, or any of them, in a Bill to be brought in, by theſame Sheriff and euery of them of their ſaid coſtes and charges, vpō whiche billes, theſame Sheriffes to be ſworne, in their awne proper perſones, or by their vnder Sheriffes, or lawfull attorney, thereunto admitted, to be true, without warrant or ratie, ſuyng for theſame. And alſo that all Sheriffes, whiche hereafter ſhall take no taxe of reward, and euery of them, ſhalbe diſcharged vpon their accomptes of all ſuche fermes, goodes, cattalles, profites, caſualties, and ſomes of money, whiche thei might or ſhould bee charged with, vpon their accomptes in theſaid Exchequer, by what title or name ſoeuer thei be named or vpon whatſoeuer perſon or perſons, thei ſhalbe ſtreated, or out of whatſoeuer landes and tenemētes, thei ſhalbe goyng further, as thei cannot leuie nor come by. And that all other Sheriffes, whiche hereafter ſhall take any taxe of rewarde, ſhall in like maner bee diſcharged, of all ſuche fermes, and ſommes of money aforeſaied (except oncly of the vicountelles of their ſhires, wherewith thei ſhalbe charged, and aunſwerable as thei wer before the makyng of the aforſaid former act). And alſo theſame Sheriffes, of euery ſhire of Englande, that now bee or heretofore haue been, or that hereafter ſhalbe, and euery of theim, ſhall haue plain deduction and allowance, in their ſaid accomptes, of all ſuche ſome and ſommes of money, as thei, or any of theim, ſhall make, or haue made true petition of, for, or cōcernyng ſuche poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, as be come vnto, or were in the kynges mateſties handes, or any his progenitors, by vnitie of poſſeſſion, or by any meane, out of the whiche any part or parcell, of the aforeſaid vicountelles, wer at any tyme heretofore leuiable or leuied. And that the Lorde Threaſaurer, Chamberlain, Chancellor, and Barons of theſaid Exchequer, or in the abſence of theſaid lorde Threaſaurer, Chamberlaines, and Chauncellor: theſaid Barons, ſhall by aucthoritie of this acte, geue, and make allowance, deduction, and exoneracion, to euery of theſaied Sheriffes, of theſaid fermes, and of all other thynges, without any other warraunt.

PROVIDED alwaie, that euery of theſaid Sheriffes, at his daie of preficcion, immediatly after ỹ he or his deputie, or attorney, is ſworne to accompt for iſſues and profites, of his office of Sheriffwicke, ſhall by hymſelf, or by his attorney, or deputie ſworne for hym, when he ſhall aunſwere, before the lorde Threaſaurer, Chamberlaynes, Chauncellor, and Barons of theſaied Exchequier, or in the abſence of theſaied Lorde Threaſaurer, Chamberlain, or Chauncellor, or of any of them: then before ſuche of theſaied lorde Threaſaurer, Chamberlaynes, or Chauncellor, and of theſaid Barons, as then ſhall happen to be preſent, in theſaid court of Exchequier, to bryng in, and deliuer into theſaied Courte, Rolles or Cedules of parchement, conteinyng in them truly, without omiſſion or concealement, al ſuche particuler ſomes of money, whiche he hath leuied, or lawfully might haue leuied, to his wetyng or knowlege, with-

in his Baily wicke, as parte or parcell, aswell of thesaied fermes, called vicountelles, in thesaied former acte expressed, as of all other fermes, of what name or title soeuer thei be called, beyng streated, written, or otherwise charged, to any of thesaied Sheriefes, out of thesaied Court of Exchequier, makyng expresse and distinct mencion, in thesame Rolles or cedules, as nigh as he or thei can or maie, of what persone, and what landes and tenemētes, and for what cause, thesame particuler somes of money, and euery of thē, be leuied or leuiable: And that after thesame Rolles or Cedules so deliuered, and the particuler somes of money, in theim conteigned, apperteignyng to their proper fermes, cast and rated in thesaied Court, thesaid lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and thesaied Barons, in the absence of thesaid Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, or any of them for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, for the leuiyng and recouery of suche parcelles, belongyng to any thesaied fermes, called vicountelles, or any other fermes, by what name or title, soeuer thei shalbee called beyng omitted out of the saied Rolles or Cedules, and for sauyng of other, the kynges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, answerable in thesaid Exchequier, whiche bee now wrongfully withdrawen or vniustly withholden, from the kynges maiestie, his possessions: and shall haue power and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme, to award suche proces, and vse suche cōuenient waies and meanes, by Commission or otherwise, accordyng to the course of thesaid Exchequier, and further, as shalbe deuised by their discretion: so that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successors, maie be truly answered, of thissues and profites of thesame, this act, or any other statute, act, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore, to the contrary had, made, or vsed, in anywise notwithstandyng.

AND furthermore, that thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and Barons of thesaied Exchequier, or thesaied Baron, in the absence of thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, or any of theim, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by their discrecions, from tyme to tyme, to geue and allowe, vnto all and euery suche Commissioner or Commissioners, as thei shall assigne and appoynct, by their discrecion, to enquire of thesaied fermes, and other the kynges rightes withdrawen, their reasonable costes and charges, as from tyme to tyme, to them shall seme good and conuenient.

The.v. Chapiter.

An act, touchyng the remittyng of refarmes. for thre yeres.

THe kynges moste excellent Maiestie, of his moste Godly and verteous disposicion, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, aswell for the aide and

relief of the poore, in the cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, of this his realme of England, and countrey of Wales, as for the execution of other deedes of charitie and common wealth there: Ordeineth and enacteth, that suche fefarmes, and somes of money, paied for fefarmes, as by any citie, borough, or toune corporat, within this his realme of Englād, or countrey of Wales, or by the bodies politique, or corporate, officers, or ministers of thesame, should, or ought to bee due and payable, to his maiestie, his heires or successors, during three yeres next ensuyng, after the .xiiii. daie of Marche, in this present yere of our Lorde GOD. M. v. C. xl viii. shall cease and not bee due, ne patable to his maiestie, ne his heires or successors, by any suche citie, borough ne toune corporate, ne by any the bodies politique, or encorporat of theim, ne of any of theim, nor by thofficers, inhabitaūtes, and ministers of thesame, cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, or any of them. And that this present acte, shalbe to them, and euery of them, and to the successors, of euery of theim, a sufficient warrāt and discharge, against his maiestie, his heires and successors for the retenyng, and withholdyng of thesame fefarmes, and somes of money, during thesaied three yeres. And that no processe or other sute, shalbe at any tyme had or awarded, against them, or any of them, out of the Exchequier, or any other courte for tharrerages therof, for, or in any of thesaied three yeres.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it enacted, by aucthoritie aforesaied, that asmuche of all, and euery suche somes of money, as should, or ought to bee due, to the kynges Maiestie, or his heires, or successors, by any Citie, Borough, or toune corporate, within Englande or Wales, or by the bodies politique, of thesame or by any the officers, or ministers of thesame, or any of them, during thesaied three yeres, whiche maie be gathered, and collected of the issues, farmes, or profites, for whiche thesaied fefarmes should bee paied, in case thesame had not been discharged, by this present acte, shalbe leuied, collected, gathered, paied, and answered, as it should haue been, if this act had not be made, to bee employed, and bestowed, in, and about repairyng of walles, bridges, settyng poore people on woorke, or other good deedes, in euery suche Citie, Borough, or toune corporate, where thesame should so haue been due, during thesaid thre yeres, if this act had not been made, by the discretion and appoinctment, of suche commissioners, as the kynges maiestie, shall particularly aucthorise and appoynct, for euery suche citie, borough, or toune corporate, in suche maner and fourme, as thesame commissioners shall assigne limite, and appoyncte, or as by suche commission, shalbee declared or expressed, and not to the kynges maiestie, his heires or successors, in his highnes courte of Exchequier, or in any other courte or place, to the vse of his maiestie, his heires or successors.

AND it is further ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any officer or clerke, of any his graces Courtes, at any tyme

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within, or after the said three yeres, make out, or write any maner of writes, or other processes, or any extreates, Sommons, or other preceptes, whereby any of his said subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbee in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, Sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattalles, or any of them, for or because of the said fefarmes, discharged for the said three yeres, as is aforesaid, or any part thereof, he so offendyng, shall yelde and paie, for recompence thereof, to the partie greued, treble dammages and costes of the suite: And neuertheles, all and synguler suche writes, processe, extreates, and preceptes, so to bee made, for, or vpon any maner of thyng, discharged by this act, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that if the kyng our souereigne Lorde, that now is, or any other of his highnes progenitors, kynges of this realme, or any of them, haue by his, or their letters Patentes, or otherwise, lawfully graunted to any persone or persones, or to any body or bodies, politique or corporate, for life, in fee or otherwise, any some, or somes of money, for any consideracion or cause whatsoeuer, to be had, paied, taken, or receiued, of any fee farme, or fee farmes, of any suche citie, borough, or toune corporate, or of the bodies politique, or corporate aforesaid, or of, or by the officers, inhabitauntes, or Ministers of the same cities, boroughes, or tounes corporate, or any of them, that all suche some or somes of money, so goyng out, or to bee paied, of suche Fee farme or Fefarmes, shalbe paied yerely, duryng the said three yeres, by the said cities, boroughes, tounes corporate, bodies politique, and corporate, or by the officers, inhabitauntes, or ministers of the same, to euery suche persone and persons, that of right ought by reason of suche letters Patentes, or by any other lawfull meane, as is abouesaied, to haue, take or receiue, suche somme or sommes of money, goyng out, or to bee taken or patable, of suche fefarme or fefarmes, and the kyng thereof not to bee charged in his Exchequier, ne els where, duryng the said three yeres onely. And that euery suche person and persones, and body, and bodies politique, or corporate, that should or ought to haue, any suche some or somes of money, as is beforesaied, duryng the said three yeres, shall haue their remedy for the same, by accion of debt, or writte of Annuitie, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, against euery persone and persones, bodies politique or corporate, that ought to paie any suche fefarme, out, or of the whiche, any suche annuitie, rent, or some of money, ought to bee paied: any thyng in this act, to the contrary therof, in any wise notwithstandyng.

The. vii. Chapiter.

An act against the exaccion of money, or other thyng, by any officer, for licence to trafike into Iseland.

FOrasmuche as within these fewe yeres now last past there hath been leuied, perceiued and taken, by certain of the officers, of the Admiraltie, of suche Merchantes and Fishermen, as haue vsed and practised, the aduentures and tourneis into Islande, Newefounde lande, Irelande, and other places commodious for Fishyng and the gettyng of Fishe, in, and vpon the seas, or otherwise, by wate of Merchauntes, in those parties, diuerse greate exactions, as somes of money, doles, or shares of Fishe, and suche other like thynges, to the greate discouragement, and hynderaunce of thesame Merchantes, and Fishermen, and to no litle dammage to the whole common weale. And whereof also greate complaintes haue been made, and informacions also yerely, to the kynges maiesties moste honorable counsaill: for reformacion wherof, and to thintent also that thesaied Merchauntes and Fishermen, maie haue occasion the rather to practise, and vse, thesame trade of Merchantize, and Fishyng freely, without any suche charges, or exactions, as is before limited, whereby it is to be thought, that more plentie of Fishe, shall come into this realme, and therby to haue thesame, at more reasonable prices.

BE it therefore enacted, by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, and the lordes & commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that neither the Admirall, nor any officer or minister officers or ministers, of the Admiraltie, for the tyme beyng, shall in any wise hereafter exact, receiue, or take, by himselfe, his seruaunt, deputie, seruauntes or deputies, of any suche merchaunt, or Fisherman, any some, or somes of money, doles or shares of fishe, or any other reward, benefite, or aduauntage, whatsoeuer it be, for any licence to passe this realme, to the said voyages, or any of them. Nor vpon any respect, concernyng thesaid voyages, or any of them, vpon pain of forfeit for the first offence, treble the some, or treble the value of the reward, benefite or aduauntage, that any suche officer, or minister, shall hereafter haue or take, of any suche Merchaunt, or Fisherman. For the whiche forfeiture, the partie greued, and euery other persone or persones, whatsoeuer he or thei be, shall and maie sue for thesame, by informacion, bill, plainte, or action of debte, in any of the kynges courtes of record, the kyng to haue thone moytie, and the partie complainyng, thother moytie: in whiche sute no essoin, protectiõ, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed: and for the second offence, the partie so offendyng not onely to lose and forfeit his or their office or offices in the Admiraltie, but also to make fine and raunsome, at the kynges will and pleasure.

¶ The. vii. Chapiter.

An act, against the craftie and deceptfull byeng of Pencions.

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THe kynges moste excellent maiestie, the Lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, vnderstandyng that diuerse persones, seekyng vnhoneste and filthy gain, without respect, either of God, or due regard to the kynges maieistie, by sondery attemptes and practises, haue not onely extorted, diuerse somes of money, of diuerse the kynges louyng Subiectes, hauyng Pencions, by the kynges letters Patentes, but also with slaunderous wordes, towardes the kynges maiestyes officers, and asmuche as in them lieth, impeachyng the kynges procedynges, haue for litle money, or none, or other thyng geuen to some of the saied Pencioners, supplantyng them, bought of diuerse Pēcioners their Pencions, had by suche Patentes, beeyng their relief to liue by, to their vtter vndoyng: Be it enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all, and euery persone and persones, that at any tyme heretofore, since the first Session of the Parliament, holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the reigne, of our saied souereigne lorde the kyng, that now is, by any fraudulent, or deceiptfull waie or meanes, hath or haue gotten, or obteined for money, or otherwise, any gifte, graunt, bargain, or promise, of any Pencioner or Pencioners, of his or their saied Patent or Patentes, concernyng his or their saied Pencion, graunted, or to be graunted or assigned, out of any Manours, Landes, tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, that did belong or appertaigne, to any of the late Monasteries, Priories, Religious houses, Colleges, Chaūtries, Guyldes, Fraternities, or other spirituall possessions, or by reason of the same, whiche came as well to the possession of our souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is, as to the late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, by reason of dissoluciō, attaindour, or surrendor, and before the last daie of June next cōmyng, vpon a repaiment, or lawfull tender of the money, or other thyng taken for the same by any suche Pencioner or Pencioners. Patent or Patentes made to hym or theim, dooe not redeliuer, to euery suche Pencioner and Pencioners, Patent and Patentes, aswell his or their saied Patent and Patentes, as all other writyng or writynges, made concernyng the same Pencion: That then the saied gift, graunt, bargain and promise, made of euery suche Pencion and Patent, and euery of them shalbe voyde. And also that then, and from thencefurthe, euery suche Pencioner and Patēt, shall haue and enioye the Pencion, by hym so geuen, graunted, Bargained, solde, or promised, as though no suche gifte, graunt, bargain, sale or promise had been made, of his or their saied Pencion, Fee, or Annuitie, notwithstandyng any writynges made, sealed, or deliuered, betwene any suche parties, concernyng the same.

AND for the more true and sure paiment, of all and euery maner of

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persone and persones of, and for their seuerall Pencions, Fees, and Annuities due, and to be due, to them or any of theim, out of the premisses, or any part or parcell therof, or by reason of thesame: Bee it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that if the Receiuor or Receiuors, or any of them their assignes, deputies, clerkes or seruauntes, or the assignes, deputies, clerkes, or seruauntes of any of them, hauyng, or whiche shal haue to do with the paiment of any suche Pencions, Fees, and Annuities, or of any part or parcell of them, doo not at all, and euery tyme and tymes, before the .x. date of June, and the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady, nexte immediatly ensuyng, euery date and feast, specified in euery suche graūt or Patent, for the paiment of thesaid Pencions, Fees, and Annuities, vpon a reasonable request therof, made to thesaid Receiuor or Receiuors their assignes or deputies, assigne or deputie, or to his or their clerkes, or seruauntes aboutsaied, by any of thesaied Pencioners, or grauntees, or their seuerall deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or by the seuerall deputie, attorney, or assigne, of any suche Pencioner and grauntee, well and truly paie, vnto thesaied grauntes, and pencioners, their seuerall deputies, attorneis, or assignes, their Pencions, Fees, and yerely Annuities, to theim graunted, and hereafter to bee graunted, duryng their seuerall liues, or otherwise, according to the tenor and effecte, of their seuerall grauntes, to euery of theim made, & hereafter to bee made, without any further delay, not takyng of thesaied grauntes, pencioners, or of any of them their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, for the paimēt of any of their saied Pencions, Fees, or Annuities, or for the more spedy paiment therof, to them, or any of them to bee made, any other, or more some or somes of money, or any other thyng or profite, but onely of euery pound, of euery suche Pencion, Fee, or annuitie to theim paied .iiii.d. and for the acquittaunce of euery suche partie, truly paied of his said Pencion, Fee, or Annuitie, if thesaied partie, his deputie or deputies, bryng, and offre to deliuer, none redy made .iiii.d. and not aboue: that then euery suche Receiuor or Receiuors, their deputie and deputies, clerkes, and seruauntes as aforesaid, to whom any suche reasonable request shalbe made, for the paiment of thesame, as is aforesaied, for euery tyme, that thesaied officer or Officers, or his or their deputie or deputies, or his or their Clerke or clerkes, hauyng to do with the office or offices, of suche Receiuor, or officer, as is aforesaied, shall delate, or cause to bee delaied, any thesaied grauntees or pencioners, of the paiment of their Pencions, Fees, or annuities, or of any parte therof, after the .x. date of June, and the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady, as is aforesaied, shall forfeit for euery suche delate. C.li. And that also, if any Threasaurer or Threasaurats, Receiuor or Receiuors, Officer or Officers, or his or their deputie or deputies, or his, or their clerkes, or any of theim, as is aforesaied, for euery tyme that thei, or any of them, do exact, and take of thesaied Pencioners, grauntes, or any of theim, their deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or of the

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deputie, attorney, or assigne of any of theim, above the rates before declared, shall lose and forfeit, for euery tyme so exactyng and takyng, ten tymes so muche, as thei or any of them, shall so exacte and takt, or cause to be exacted and taken. All whiche forfeitures, shalbe to the partie, that shall finde hymself greued, if he will sue and demaunde thesame, within seuen monethes, next after thesaied forfeiture, in any of the kynges maiesties Courtes, of his Benche, Common place, or Exchequer, by action of debte; by originall writte, bill, plainte, or informacion, in whiche suite no essoyne, protection, nor wager of lawe, shalbee allowed or admitted, for the defendant.

AND bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that the kynges Justices of Assises, and of Oyer and Determiner, in their seuerall circuites, and the Justices of Peace, in euery countie within this realme of Englande and Wales, at their generall Sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determyne all, and all maner of offences, hereafter to be doen and committed, contrary to the tenor of this acte, as well by informacion, as by presentment of .xii. menne, and shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to award processe, vpon euery presentment, or informacion, had before the, or two of them, whereof the one to bee of the Quorum, of all and euery offence and offences, doen and committed contrary to the tenor of this act, as in case vpon Inditement of trespas.

PROVIDED alwaie, that if any suche Pencioner, or grauntee, do not make request in proper persone, for payment of his, or their saied Pencion, or Annuitie, as is aforesaied, but doth require thesame, by his deputie, attorney, or assigne, that then if suche deputie, attorney, or assigne, do not bryng with hym a letter subscribed, with the handes of one Justice of the Peace, of thesame shire, where thesaid Pencioner or grauntee is dwellyng, or els of the Surueior of thesame shire, for the tyme beyng, witnessyng thesaine Pencioner, or grauntee, to be then liuyng, that then thesaied Receiuor, and all other officer and officers, their deputies, clerkes, or seruauntes, to whom, request by any deputie, attorney, or assigne, of any suche Pencioner, or grauntee, shalbe made, as is aforesaid, shall not be bound to paie, any suche some of money, to any deputie, attorney, or assigne, of any suche Pencioner or Patent, by vertue of this acte, nor for non paiment thereof, shall incurre the daungier, of any pain or forfeiture, before mencioned: Any matter or thyng before expressed, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaie, and be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteigned, shall not extende, to restrain any suche Receiuor, or Receiuors, or other officer or officers, as is aforesaid: but that thei, and euery of the, shall and maie paie or cause to be paied, to any of thesaid pencioners, patentes, or grauntees their saied Pencions, Fees, and Annuities quarterly, according to the

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tenor and effect of their said Patentees or grauntees, as thei haue heretofore doen, any thyng herein, to the contrary therof notwithstandyng.

¶ The. viii. Chapiter.

An act touchyng the fyndyng of offices, before the Exchetour.

WHere many and diuerse persones, holdyng, or that haue holden, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes some for terme of yeres, and some by copie of court Rolle, haue been expulsed, and put out of their termes and holdes, by reason of Inquisicions or offices, founden before Exchetors, Commissioners, and other, conteignyng tenures of the kyng, in *Capite*, entitlyng the kyng to the wardshippe or custodie of suche landes or tenementes, and sometyme entitlyng the kyng to the same, vpon attaindours of treason, Felony, or otherwise, by reason that suche leasses, for terme of yeres, or interest by copie of Courte rolle, of suche persones haue not been found, in suche inquisicions or offices: after whiche expulsion or puttyng out, thesaied persones haue been without remedy, for the obteignyng of thesaied Fermes and holdes, durying the kynges possession therin, and can haue no trauers, *monstreunce de droit*, ne other remedy for these me, because their saied interestes, is but a catell in the lawe, or a customary hold, and no state of free holde. And also, where any person or persones hath any rent, common, office, fee, or other profite *apprendre*, of any state of freehold, or for yeres, or otherwise, out of suche lãdes or tenementes, specified in suche offices, or inquisicions, thesaid rent, comen, office, fee, or profite, *apprendre*, not founde in thesame office or offices suche persones are in like maner without remedy, to obtein or haue, thesaid rent, comen, office, fee or profite, *apprendre*, by any trauerse, or other spedy meane, without greate and excesse charges, durying the kynges interest therein, by force of suche inquisicion or office.

FOR remedy whereof, be it enacted, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where any suche office or inquisicion, is, or shalbe foũden, omittyng suche titles, interestes, or matters, as is aforesaid, that in all suche cases, euery leassee, tenaunt for terme of yeres, or Copie holder and euery suche persone or persones, that haue or shal haue, any interest to any rent, common, or profite, *apprendre*, for terme of yeres, life, or otherwise, out of any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, conteined in suche office or inquisicion, where the kyng, his heires or successors, is or shalbe entitled, as is aforesaid, to any suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, shall haue, holde, enioye, and perceiue, all and euery their leasses, and interestes, for terme of yeres, or by copie of Court roll, rentes comynons, offices, fees, and profite, *apprendre*, in suche maner, fourme, state, and condicion, as thei and euery of theim, should, or might haue doen, in case there had been no suche office, or inquisicion founden, and as thei should, or lawfully might, or ought to haue doen, in case suche leasse,

intereſt by copie of Court rolle, Rente, Commen, Office, Fee or profite *apprendre* had been founden in ſuche office or inquiſition any lawe, cuſtome or vſage to the contrarie heretofore vſed in ſuche caſes in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND alſo, whet it is or ſhalbe founde, for the king his heres or ſucceſſours, ỳ the here or heres of his tenaũt or tenaũts is or ſhalbe within age, where in dede ſuch here or heres is or ſhalbe at the ſame tyme of full age, or of a more or greter age then is or ſhalbe cõteined within ſuch office: Be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforeſaid, that in euery ſuche caſe, ſuche heire & heires ſhall and may at his or their very full age, or after, perſecute a writte of *Etate proband.* and ſue his or their liuerye, or *oſtr le maine*, as his or their caſes ſhall lye, and haue the profites of his or their landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes from the time of his or their very full age, any ſuche vntrue office, or inquiſicion or any lawe or cuſtome, to the contrarie, in anywyſe notwithſtanding. Alſo where one perſon or more is or ſhalbe founden, heire to the kynges tenaunt by office or inquiſicion, where any other perſone is or ſhalbe heire, or if one perſone or mo be or ſhalbe founden heire, by office or inquiſicion in one countie, and an other perſone or perſones is or ſhalbe founde heire to the ſame perſon in an other countie, or if any perſon be or ſhalbe vntruely founden lunatike, ideot or dead: Be it enacted by the auctho̲ritie aforeſaied, that euery perſone and perſones greued, or to be greued by any ſuche office or inquiſicion, ſhall and may haue his or their trauerſe, to the ſame immediatlie, or after, at his or their pleaſure, and proceede to triall therin and haue like remedie and aduauntage as in other caſes of trauerſe vpon vntrue inquiſicõs, or offices founden, any law, vſage or cuſtome to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Alſo where it is or ſhalbe hereafter vntruely founde, by office or inquiſicion, that any perſone or perſones attaintrd, or that ſhalbe attainted of treaſon, felony or pręmunire, is or ſhalbe ſeazed of any lãdes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamentes, at the tyme of ſuche treaſon, felony or offence committed or done, or any tyme after, whereunto any other perſone or perſones hath or ſhall haue any iuſt title or intereſt of any eſtate of freholde: That then in euery ſuche caſe euery perſone and perſones greued there by, ſhall haue his or their trauerſe or *monſtrances de droit*, to theſame, without being dꝛyuen to any peticion of right, and like remedie and reſtitution vpon his or their title founde or iudged for hym or them therin as hath ben accuſtomed, and vſed in other caſes of trauerſe, although the kynges maieſtie his heires or ſucceſſours, be or ſhalbe in ſuche caſe entytled to any ſuche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes by double matter of recorde, any lawe, cuſtome or vſage to the contrarie in anywiſe notwithſtandyng.

AND further, be it enacted by the auctho̲ritie aforeſaied, that where any inquiſicion or office is or ſhalbe founden by theſe wordes or lyke,

quod de quo vel de quibus, tenementa predicta tenentur iurat. predict. ignorant; or els founden holden of the Kyng *per que seruic. ignorant*, or suche like, that in suche case suche tenure, so incertenly founden, *de quo vel de quibus tenementa predict. tenentur ignorant*, shall not be taken for any immediat tenure of the King, nor suche tenure so founden of the Kyng, *per que seruic. ignorant*, shall not be taken any tenure in *capite*, but in suche cases, *a melius inquirendum*, to be awarded, as hath been accustomed in olde tyme, any vsage of later time, to the contrarie notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by thauethoritie aforesaied, that where it is or shalbe founden, by ony office or inquisicion, that any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, are or shalbe discended, remained, or comen to any heire within age, and in the kynges warde, or that ought to be in the kynges warde, and that suche landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, are holden of the kyng, immediatly, where in dede thesame are or shalbe holden of some other common persone, and not of the king immediatly: That in suche case such heire or heires, shall and may haue their trauerse to thesame, within age and like remedie, and restitucion vpon his or their title founden, or iudged for him or theim therin, as hath been accustomed and vsed, in other cases of trauerces, any lawe vsage or custome to the contrarie in anywise, notwithstanding. Also where the kinges maiestie, by his prerogatiue ought to haue, aswell suche landes and tenementes, as be holden of other persones, as holden of him selfe, immediatly, wherof his tenaunt holding of him in chief dieth seazed (his heire being within age) vntyll suche tyme as leuerie be sued by suche heire, and that the meane lordes, of whome thesaied other landes and tenementes, of suche heire be holden, vse to spare the rentes due to them, for thesame landes or tenementes holden of them, during the kynges possession. And when suche heire hath sued, his or their liuery, they vse by distresse or otherwise to compell thesaied heire, to paye to them the arrerages of suche their rentes, for suche tyme as thesaied landes, or tenementes were in the kynges possession by suche minoritie, where thei should haue sued, by peticion to the kinges maiestie, to haue obteined thesame out of the kinges handes, if thei would haue thesame. whiche is to the great detriment, losse and hinderaunce of such heire and heires: For redresse wherof, be it enacted by the auethoritie of this present Parliament, that from henceforth suche meane lordes during such minoritie, shall haue, receiue, & take thesaid rentes, by the hãdes of such the kynges officers, as shalbe appoincted to haue, receiue, and take the issues, reuenues, and profites of thesame landes and tenementes, so holden of suche meane Lordes during the minoritie and none age of suche heire and heires, and vntyll suche heire or heires, sue his or their liuery, and that suche heire and heires vntyll suche tyme, as he or they shall haue sued their liuery, or might conueniently haue sued their lyuery, shalbe therof clerely discharged. And that suche officer & officers

shall

ſhall vpon requeſt made pate theſame to ſuche meane lordes (they geuing to ſuche officer and officers, a ſufficient acquitaunce or acquitaunces for the receipt of theſame) And that ſuche paiment therof made, with acquitaunce or acquitaunces therof ſhewed, ſhalbe to ſuche officers a ſufficient diſcharge, againſt the kynges maieſtie and his heires, vpon his or their accompt in that behalfe, any lawe, vſage, or cuſtome, heretofore had or vſed to the contrary herof, in anywyſe notwythſtanding.

PROVIDED alwaies, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforſaied, that this acte or any thing therin conteined, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any inquiſicion or office taken or founden at any tyme, before the .xx. day of Marche, next comming, nor to hinder, preiudice or take away the tytle, intereſt, or poſſeſſion of our ſouereaigne lord the kyng, or of any other perſon or perſons, growē or cōmen by vertue, meane or occaſion of any inquiſicion or office taken or founde before theſame day, but that aſwell our ſaied ſouereigne lorde the kyng as all other perſon and perſones hauing any title, intereſt, or poſſeſſion by vertue, meane, or occaſion of any inquiſicion or office founde before the ſame day, ſhal and may haue, holde, and enioye theſame in like maner and fourme as though this acte had neuer ben had or made, any thing in theſame acte, to the contrarie in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

PROVIDED alſo, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aforſaied that in all ſuche caſes as any perſone or perſones ſhalbe enabled by this acte, to haue any trauerſe, and ſhall purſue his or their trauerſe, that then he or they that ſhall purſue ſuche trauerſe, ſhall ſue one writ or ſeuerall writes of *Scire facias* (as the caſe ſhall require) againſt all and ſinguler ſuche perſone and perſons as ſhall haue intereſt by the kyng, or by his patente or patentes, in like maner and fourme as is requiſite, vpon trauerſes or petitions heretofore perſued. And that in euery ſuche *Scire facias*, the patentes or other defendauntes ſhall haue lyke pleas and aduauntage, as they had in any *Scire facias*, before this tyme awarded againſt any patente in any caſe of petition. And alſo that vpon euery trauerſe that ſhalbe purſued by vertue or meane of this acte, in ſuche caſe as the partie or parties that ſhal purſue any ſuche trauerſe ſhould by the order of the comen lawes of this Realme, haue bene put to ſue by petition to the kyng, there ſhalbe two writes of ſerche, graunted in maner and fourme as lyke wrytes haue bene graunted, vpon petitions made to the kyng.

PROVIDED alſo, and it is enacted by the auctoritie aboueſaied, that if after any iudgement ſhalbe geuen vpon any trauerſe, that ſhalbe tended or ſued, by vertue or meane of this acte, it ſhall appere by any matter of recorde, that the king hath any other former title, right, or intereſt, to the mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, mencioned in theſame trauerſe, that then theſame tytle, right,

and interest shalbe saued to the kyng, thesaied trauerse and Judgement there vpon geuen in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. ix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the true cozyng of Lether.

ALbeit diuerse good and holsome lawes and statutes, haue bene heretofore made, and deuised for the true tanning, cozyng, and wozking of Lether, yet through the couetise of tanners, in ouerhasting their wo, he by diuerse subtile, and craftie meanes, by negligence of the Serchers, and collusion of the Cozyars, that by diuerse suche statutes were auctho3yzed to trie thesaied Lether, and by the slaxt wo3kmanshyp of the Cordewainers, the kynges subiectes are not onely in their goodes, but also in the health of their bodies, muche endomaged by occasion of yll shoes, and bootes, made of euell Lether: ¶ Therfore, as the malice of man encreaseth to defraude the entẽt of good lawes, so lawes must ryse against suche guyle, with the more seuerite, daye by daye, for the due represse of thesame: Be it therfore enacted, by auctho3ite of this present parliament, that the actes made in the. xix. yere of the late kyng of famous memo3ie, Henry the. vii. and in the. xxiii. yere of the moost noble and victo3ious kyng, Henry theeight, and all other actes and statutes herttofore made, concerning Tanners, Cozyars, and Cozdewayners, shall stande in their force and effect, accozding to the tenor of the same in all thinges, not altered nor repeled heretofore.

no man shall sell backe of no kynd of stand leather except calfskynne it be tanned

AND be it further enacted, by the auctho3ite afore saied, that no person occupying the feat or mistery of a Cozyar, Cozdewainer, Cobler, Sadler, Gyrdler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, or any other artificer, shall from, and after the feast of Christemas next comming, sell or cause to be solde or put to sale any backes or hydes of any English kinde, of tãned lether, vnwzought, or in suche kinde as he shall bie thesame (Calues skinnes only except) vpõ paine of forfaiting, for euery hide backe, or parcell of Lether, that he shall so sell contrazie to this statute. x. shillinges.

no man shall sell blake curried leather but the curryar only

AND be it further enacted, that no persone, other then suche as shal occupie the feates or mistery of a Cozyar, shall put to sale, any maner lether, cozied or blacked, being vnwzought, or vncut, vpon paine of forfaiture the lether so solde.

the Cordwainers for makyng of good Bootes and shoes of good Lether ought to haue good lether put in their handes

AND be it further enacted, that no persone or persones, whiche occupieth the mistery or occupacion of Cozdewayners, shall after thesaid feast, make or cause to be made any bootes, shoes, slattoppes, or slyppers, of Lether, but suche as shalbe made of good and sufficient tanned Lether and well and truely cozyed after this rate and sorte, that is to wytte, wette Lether, as that whiche should holde out wet: and dzie Lether.

ther, as it behoueth suche to be: And that thesaied Cordewayners, and euery of them, shal put in the inner solle of thesaied double soled shoes, bootes, startoppes, and slippers, lether called the wombe, wel and sufficiently coried, and in the trefwelles of the double soled shoes, the flancke of the hide or skinne, sufficiently coried.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, for the trew execution hereof, that the Maior of the citie of London, and the Aldermen of the same, for the tyme being, shall yerely appoincte fower Serchers, and one ouerseer or mo by his or their discrecion, to be sworne before thesaied Maior and Aldermen, for the tyme being, to do their office truely, whiche shall by vertue of this acte, fower times in the yere at the least, that is to saie: ones euery quarter, and oftener if nede require, make true serche and vewe, in all, and euery house and houses, place and places, aswelt within thesaied Citie, and the suburbes therof, as in euery other place, within. iii. miles compasse of thesaied Citie, where any Tanner, Corier, Shomaker, or Cobler, doth or shall dwell and occupie any of thesaied occupaciōs, for all and euery bootes, startoppes, shoes, and other things, apperteining to the crafte or mistery of Shomakers, or Coblers, made or wrought, contrarie to the purporte of this statute, and also for all maner of lether, and other thinge, apperteining to the crafte or occupacion of Coriers, and Tanners, not well and sufficiently coryed or tanned, according to the meaning of this acte. And that all other Maiors, Baylyfes, and other hedde officers, in all other Cities, Boroughes, and Market Tounes of this Realme, out of the circuite and compasse of thesaied. iii. miles, shal vpon paine of. xx. pounde euery yere, that they make default herein, appoinct and swere yerely two thre or mo persones of the best skilled men, within their offices, by their discrecion to serche and vewe, within the precinct of their Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes, whiche shall. iiii. times in the yere at the least, that is to witte, once euery quarter of a yere, make like searche within their lymites, and shall haue a marke or seale prepared for that purpose as is aboue limited, to be in London, and the suburbes of thesame. And that thesame searchers, or one of them shall them selfes kepe thesaied Seale or marke, and with thesame shall seale or marke suche lether as they shall fynde sufficient, thesame searchers to haue for their labour, according as is limited in the statute, made for due searche, triall, and marking of lether in the. xxiiii. yere of kyng Henry the eight.

PROVIDED alwaies, that no lether being once searched and sealed or marked as beforesaied, shalbe charged again with any other seale or searche. And if thesaid searchers or any of them, do find any lether solde or offered to be solde, or brought to be searched or marked insufficiently tanned, or any lether not sufficiently coried, or any stuffe made of suche lether, it shalbe lefull for thesaied searchers, or any of them, to seaze thesame lether and stuffe, made of lether, as forfaited, and to reteigne

thesame in their custodie, till thesame be tried before the Maior, Baylyfes, and other hed officers, of euery Citie, Borough, & Toun, where such seazure shall happen to be made: thesame triall to be made by. vi. expert men at the appoinctment of thesaied hedde officers, and. ii. of the Aldermen of thesaied Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes, vpon the othes of the saied Triers.

AND also be it further enacted by the auethoritie aforesaied, that if any persone will wylfully withstande or deny any suche searche to be made according to the tenure of this acte, as is aforesaied, or wyll not suffer thesaid searchers so sworne and appoincted to searche, to enter into his or their house or houses, or other place where suche euell made shoes, bootes, and other the premisses, or any lether, deceiptfully & falsely tanned or coried, is or shalbe suspected or knowen to be: That then euery suche persone and persons so denying and withstanding, and not suffring thesaied searchers so sworne and appoincted for the time being to enter and make searche, shall lose and forfeyt, for euery tyme so denyng and withstanding, fyue poundes.

AND further, be it enacted by the auethoritie aforesaied, that if the persones so to be assigned for the searche as is aforesaied, wil or do make default in their searche and not searche iiii. tymes of the yere as is aforesaied, except they be letted by somme laufull impediment, or doo allow or seale or cause to be sealed any lether or stuffe, vnsufficiently tanned, coried, or wrought, or do conceale any faultes founde in their searche, that they and euery of them; that shall make default in searche or allowe that is vnsufficient, or shall conceale defaultes founden, shall forfait and lose. v. pounde for euery suche defaulte, allowaunce or conseylement, wittingly done, and so proued sufficiently against them.

PROVIDED, alwaies, that it shalbe laufull to euery Cordeweiner or shomaker, not only within thesaied citie of Londō, but els where within this Realme of Englande, to make all maner of shoes, bootes, slyppers, and other necessaries for Dukes, Earles, Lordes, Knyghtes, Ladies, Esquiers, Gentylmen and Gentelwomen, of suche lether, and other thinges apperteining to their facultie, as their pleasure is to haue them made, for their money, and to all other persones as they shal be speake them. Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auethoritie aforesaied, that they, ne any of them, shall put to sale, any shoes or bootes, of dry lether, betwene the last day of Septembre, and the first daye of May, but to suche persones as shall so bespeake them.

AND for asmuche as by cariyng and conueighing of lether ouer the Sea, lether is growen now in suche vnreasonable price, that the cōmons of this Realme cannot now haue for. xii. pence, that they might in tymes past haue had for. viii. pence: Be it therfore enacted by the auethoritie aforesaied, that all and euery persone and persones, that from & after the first daie of June, next comming, shall shyp any backe or hydes

des or other lether or hydes tanned, or vntanned, into the parties of beyonde the sea, shal pate for euery dicker of lether, called backes or hides or other lether, or raw hides, treble custome.

PROVIDED alwaie, that this acte shall not extende to any lycence all ready graunted, for caryyng or coueighing any lether ouer the sea, but that euery persone whiche hath all ready obteyned any suche lycence, may shyppe & cary the same, payyng suche custome as they might before the makyng of this acte. And that no Shomaker, Cozier or other persone to his or their owne vse (Except Tanners) shall bie any hide in the heare or vntanned, to put the same to tanning, vpon paine to forfaut for euery suche hide, vi. shyllynges. viii. pence.

AND be it further enacted, that euery tanner from henceforth, shall cut euery woumbe of euery Ore hide. vi. inches brode, of euery steere hyde v. inches brode, and of euery Cow hide. viii. inches brode, of assise in the narowest place, the whiche Ore hide, steere hide, or Cow hide, that shall be tanned for and in the kynde of sole lether, vpon payne of forfaiture for euery woumbe cut lesse then so many inches brode of assise, as is aboue appointed, iii. shillings. iiii. pence. And that no tanner shall cut any hide for a backe, but suche as shalbe sufficient & well lethered, vpon paine of forfaitur of the same backe or backes, not being sufficiēt & wel lethered. And ỳ no cozier whiche shal occupie ỳ occupaciō of cozyng, shall hereafter refuse to cozy any lether brought vnto him redde, by any cozde weiner or other artificer, ỳ occupieth any tāned lether in his occupaciō, to ỳ extent to be cozied, vpon reasonable agremēt for his paines, the same to be deliuered well & sufficiently cozied to the awner therof within. xviii dayes. All whiche forfaiturs of sommes of money aforesaid, shalbe deuided into, iii. equall parties, one parte wherof shalbe to the vse of our soueraigne Lord the kyng, and an other parte, to hym or them that shal sue for the same, and the third parte therof, shalbe to the vse of the citie, Borough or Toune, wher the offence shalbe committed and done. And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lefull for euery man to sue for the same forfaiturs of sommes, of sommes of money, in any court or courtes of recorde, by Bill, playnte, accion of debt, informacion or otherwise: In whiche suite, no essoine, wager of law, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed. And all suche bootes, shoes, and lether, as shalbe founde vnsufficiently wrought, tanned, or cozied, and declared by this act to be forfaited, shalbe seased by the saied searchers, or any other persone findyng the faulte therof, and the same stuffe forfaited, shalbe distrybuted as hereafter ensueth, that is to saye, suche stuffe so seased within the layed Cytie of London or within. iii. myles compasse of the same, to be brought to the Guylde hall in London, there to be deuided into three parties, wherof one parte, to be to the fyrste seasor of the saied vnlawfull stuffe, and the other two parties to be distrybuted to the poore folkes, aswel being within the newe hospital of saincte Bartilmew in London

as to suche poore houſholders, as ſhalbe inhabiting within the citie of London, or the circuitie aforeſaid, at the diſcrecõ of ſuche perſons as the Maior of theſaied citie, and iiii. Aldermẽ of theſame, for the time being, ſhall appoinct for theſame. And that all ſuche bootes, ſhoors, and lether, as ſhalbe founde within any their Citie, Borough, or Toune, within tyns realme out of theſaied .iii. myles cõpaſſe, vnſufficiẽtly wrought, tanned or cored, as is aforeſaied, ſhalbe ſeazed and taken as forfaited, and brought to the common hall of euery ſuche Citie, Borough, or toune, and other conuenient, and open place, and two partes therof to be diſpoſed to the poore, and in other dedes of charitie, in thoſe partes, after the diſcretion of the Maiors, Bailifes, hedde Boroughes, and two other Aldermen of theſame Citie, Borough, or Toune. And where no ſuche officers be, then theſame to be done by a iuſtice of peace next adioyning, and by the Conſtables of the Toune or Village, where ſuche ſeazure is or ſhalbe made, and theſaied ſearchers or iuſt ſeazor to haue the third parte of ſuche forfaiture for their paine.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that no ſuche vnlawfull lether ſo forfaited, be cõuerted to any bootes or ſhoes, to be put to ſale again, vpon paine that euery perſone ꝑ ſo ſhal conuerte theſame to forfeite theſame ſtuf, a. vi. ſ. viii. d. ouer, for euery time ſo doing & offeding.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforeſaied, that it ſhalbe lefull to all Cordewaners, Shomakers, and Coblers, aboue mencioned, for the better auoiding of the paine aboueſaied, on them apoincted, in caſe ther ſhould make, or ſel, any bootes, or ſhoes, of lether, not ſufficiently cored, from henceforth to cory and dreſſe by their ſelfes or their ſeruauntes, all ſuche lether, as they or any of them ſhall conuert into bootes, ſhoes, ſlippers, or other thinges appertaining, to the miſtery of Cordewemers, or Coblers, and none other: the ſtatute in the .xix. yere of the king of famous memory, Henry the. viii. heretofore made to the cõtrary hereof, notwithſtanding. And for the better execuciõ of this preſent acte, be it enacted ꝑ all iuſtices of aſſiſe, iuſtices of Goale delyuery, iuſtices of peax and ſtewardes of fraunchelies, leres and laudaires, within their ſeuerall precinctes, and Maiors of London, for the time being, within theſaied .iii. miles, and all other Maiors, Bailifes, & other hedde officers of Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes, within their ſeuerall precincts, out of theſaied circuite and compaſſe of .iii. myles, ſhall enquire of all the premiſſes in their ſeſſions, lete or laudaie, and here and determin theſame, and alſo by their diſcretions examin al perſones ſuppoſed to offende this acte, or any parte therof.

PROVIDED alwaies, & be it enacted, that the Girdlers of this Realme may ſell their neckes wombes and ſhredes of tanned lether, to any perſone or perſones, without any forfeyt, payne or penaltie to be yeloed for theſame, any thing contened in theſaine, to the contrarie, not withſtanding.

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PROVIDED alwaie that it ſhalbe lefull foꝛ all maner of Shomakers, Coblers, Sadlers, Girdlers, Bodgemakers, and al other artificers, vſing Lether in theꝛ arte, to bye al kinde of tanned Lether, being firſt ſealed as aforeſaied, to be conuerted to any thing, belonging onely to their occupation at Leden hall in London, vpon euery Monday in the yere, though neither the buier, noꝛ ſeller, be free of theſaied Citie of London, without encurring any penalitie oꝛ daungier foꝛ theſame, any thing in this acte conteined, oꝛ any other thing oꝛ thinges, to the contrarie hereof notwithſtanding.

PROVIDED alſo that no perſone noꝛ perſones, ſhalbe moleſted ſued oꝛ vexed, foꝛ any foꝛfaiture oꝛ penaltie, cõpriſed with in this acte, except the ſute thereof be commenſed within one yere after the offence committed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that this preſent acte, oꝛ any thing therin conteined, ſhall not in any wyſe extend to be preiudiciall oꝛ hurtfull, to any lorde oꝛ lordes, perſone oꝛ perſones, bodies politique, and coꝛpoꝛate, oꝛ any of them, theiꝛ heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, oꝛ the heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, of any of them, touching any fayre oꝛ Market, Seale, Serche, Libertie, Fraunchiſe, Priuilege, Profite, Commoditie, Foꝛfaiture, Fines, oꝛ Emolument, whiche they oꝛ any of them haue, oꝛ ought to haue, by any lawfull intereſt, oꝛ title, before the cõmencement and beginning of this preſent parliament, but that they and euery of them may and ſhall haue, enioye, perceiue, take and kepe, all and ſingulier theiꝛ fayres, Marketes, Seale, Searches, Liberties, Fraunchiſes, Profites, Commodities, Foꝛfaitures, and Fynes riſing, comming and growing by reaſon of this acte, any clauſe, article oꝛ ſentence, in this preſent acte oꝛ ſtatute, to the contrarie in any wyſe, notwithſtanding. This acte to endure to thende of the next parliament.

¶ The. x. Chapiter.

An acte foꝛ the true making of Malte.

WHERE dyuerſe and ſundꝛye perſones takyng vpon them the arte & miſterie of Maltmaking, & ſundꝛy other perſones tendering moꝛe their owne priuate lucre, gaine, and profit, then the holſome vieweling of the kinges maieſtie, the nobilite oꝛ this Realme, and other his graces ſubiectes, haue now of late by theiꝛ inſatiable, couetous, and greadie myndes, accuſtomably, and commonly made much Malte, vnpure and vnſeaſonable, foꝛ that they haue made theſame Malte, in eight oꝛ nyne dayes, wher in dede theſame cannot be wel and perfectly made, onles it haue ỹ time & ſpace of. xii. daies, in the making therof. And wheꝛe alſo dyuerſe and ſundꝛie of theſaid makers of Malte,

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commonly haue and doo slackly and deceitfully drye the Malte, so by them made, for that they would haue inordinate encrease therof by the swelling of the said Malte, wherby the same Malte not beyng sufficiently dryed, cannot be kept any long tyme or space, but it will be mustie and full of weuelles, wherby no holsome drinke for mannes body can by any meanes ber therof made, whiche is not only to the greate peryll and daunger, of the nobilitie, and other the kynges highnes subiectes within this Realme, and also to the greate losse and decay of the common wealth of the same, but also an vtter impouerishment of the Brewers of this said Realme, for that the said Brewers (ouer and beyde the vnholsomenes of the drynke, whiche is commonly made therof) can not make so muche drynke of fyftie quarters of Malte, beyng so euell dried and made, as they might and can make, of fortie quarters beyng well and truly made. And also forasmuche as diuerse and sundry persones myndyng and seking their owne pryuat and excessiue gaine and profit, forgetting therby their dutie and thorder of charitie towardes the common wealth and their neighbours in this behaulf, do commonly vse to put, and myxt good Malte and euell Malte together, and after put the same Malte to sale as good Malte, wherby many of the kynges subiectes haue ben, and are lyke to be very often deceaued to their greate losse and hinderaunce, contrarie to the honest, seemly, and Godly dieng, sellyng and commutacion, that should and ought to be amonges Christian people, specially in thinges concerning the sustentacion and sustenaunce of mannes body: For remedie wherof, it may please the kynges maiestie, with the aduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it may be established and enacted by aucthoritie of the same, that no suche persone or persones at any tyme from, and after the fyrst date of Marche next commyng, shall make any barly Malte (the monethes of June, July and Auguste, only excepte) But that the same shall haue in making therof, that is to saye: in the fat flower, stepping, and sufficient dryeng of the same Malte, thre wekes at the least, and that no suche persone or persones at any tyme within the said Monethes of June, July, and Auguste, shall make any Barly Malte, Except the same haue in the fatte flower, stepyng and sufficient dryeng, the tyme and space of. xvii. dates at the least, vnder and without whiche tyme and tymes the said Malte cannot be well and perfyghtly made, nor holsome for mans bodie: Upon paine to forfaut and loose, for euery quarter of Malte, whiche shalbe made by any persone or persones, contrarie to the tenour, purporte, and trewe meaning of this acte, two shillinges. And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that no persone or persones, after the fyrste of Marche next commyng shall mingle or put together any Malte, not beyng well and sufficiently made, or beyng made of Mowburnt or spyred

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barly with other good Malte, and after put thesame so myngled to sale, vpon payne to forfaite and lose, for euery quarter so myngled and put to sale, two shyllynges.

AND be it also further enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*esaid, that if any persone o*r* persones, after the last date of January next comming, shall put to sale any Malte, whiche shall not be sufficently and well troden, rubbed, and well fanned, whereby ther may be conuenently fanned out of one quarter therof, halfe a pecke of dust, o*r* more, that then the person so putting thesame to sale, shall forfaite and lose for euery quarter so put to sale. xx. pence. The moitie of all whiche forfaitures to be to the kyng our soueraigne Lord, and thother moitie therof, to the partie that wyll sue for the same by accion of debt, byll, pleint, o*r* informacion in any of the kynges courtes, where in no protection, wager of lawe, nor essoyn nor iniunction shalbe allowed o*r* admitted.

AND be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*esaid, that the iustices of peace in euery of their cessions, & also the stewarde in euery leete, shall haue full powre and auctho*r*itie, by vertue of this acte, to enquire here, and determine aswell by presentment of .xii. men, as by accusacion o*r* informacion of two honest witnesses of, for, and vpon all and euery the offences, and forfaytures afo*r*esaied, aswell for the kyng, as for the partie that shall sue, procure o*r* cause thesame to be presented as is be-fo*r*esaied. And that the Baylifes and Constables of euery Borowe, o*r* Market Toune, o*r* other Toune where any suche Malte shalbe made o*r* put to sale, shall haue full powre & auctho*r*itie, from time to time, to vew, serche, & survey al such malte, as shalbe made o*r* put to sale, within any of thesaied Tounes. And if any of them, shall therupon fynde any Malte so put to sale, beyng euell made o*r* myngled with ill Malte, cõtrarie to the tenour and true meaning of this present acte: That then thesaied Bailyfe o*r* Constable, so fynding any suche Malte euel made, o*r* mingled, as is befo*r*esaied, with thaduise of one iustice of the peax, within thesame sheer, shall cause thesame to be solde to suche persone o*r* persones, and at suche reasonable price o*r* prices, and vnder the commen price of the Market, as to his discretion shall seme necessarie and expedient. Prouided alway, and be it also enacted by the auctho*r*itie afo*r*esaid, that this acte nor any thing therin conteined shall extende to charge, o*r* be to the making of Malte for any mans owne prouision for his owne house o*r* familie, neither preiudiciall to any persone o*r* persones, for o*r* concerning any of the offences o*r* forfaitures afo*r*esaied: Except he o*r* they so offending, shall happen to be sued, presented and accused for thesame, in maner and fourme afo*r*esaied, within one yere next after any suche offence o*r* offences to be done o*r* committed, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding: This present acte to continue vntyll thende of the next parliament.

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¶ The. xi. Chapiter.

An acte for true tanning of Lether.

WHERE before this tyme diuerse good estatutes haue bene made for the true tanning of lether wherin consisteth a great common wealth and commodite to all men, for that euery sorte of people of necessitie must vse and haue Lether, for diuerse and sondrye purposes: For lacke of true tanning wherof, euery man is not onely put to great losse and charges, but also by the naughtines therof doth take diuerse and sondrie diseases to the shortening of their lyues: And yet not withstandyng thesaid good estatutes in that case prouided, it is manifest to all persones that there was neuer worse lether, vsed or made within this Realme, then hath lately bene and now is vsed, and made within thesame. The chief cause wherof cometh by reason of the cuyll and disceipfull tanning of thesame lether. For albeit the tanner, and also the shomaker, or other artificer, do his or their diligēce neuer so wel, yet nothing made therewith can be good, perfight, or profitable as it ought or should be, the lether not beyng well and sufficiently tanned: The occasion of the naughtie tanning wherof, groweth moche by the gredines of ỹ gaine of the tanner, for that thei couet to set forth thesame to sale, with more speder and shorter time, then it can be well and perfectly tanned, & haue his due time requisite & necessarie for the true tānng of thesame. For where as in times past the hides or lether were wonte to lie in the tanne fattes by the space of one yere, or fiue quarters of the yere, before it was taken out of thesame fattes or put to sale: Now for the spedie vtteraunce and tanning therof, they haue inuented diuerse & sondrie deceiptfull & craftie meanes, to haue thesame lether tanned, sometime in thre wekes, and sometime in one moneth or lyre wekes at the moost, as by crafte of ouer lyming therof in their lime pittes, or otherwise by laiyng therof in their fattes set in their olde tanne hilles, wher it shallbe tanned with the hotte ozis, taking vnkinde heate in the same hyll, and sumtime by putting of fething hotte liere with their ozis into their tanne fattes, wher thesame hydes or lether lye, whiche they most commonly do practise in the night tyme, and by diuerse and many other suche craftie and subtyle meanes, wherby thei make the lether to seme to them that haue not the knowlege or skyll therof to be aswell and sufficiently tanned within the space of thre wekes, or a moneth, or lyre wekes at the moost, as if it had lyne in the fattes vntyll it had had the full tyme requisyte for the true tanning of thesame, whiche should haue bene at the least by the space of thre quarters of a yere. For remedie whereof, and to the entent that lether may hereafter be sufficiently and truly tanned, and haue his full

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kynde and perfection as is requisite for thesame: Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde with the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this presente Parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all actes heretofore made, concernyng the true Tampng of Lether not beyng yet repeled, shal stande in their full strength and force and be put in due execution. And furthermore, that no person or persones occupiyng, or that hereafter shall occupy, the mistery or craft of a Tanner, shal after the first day of May next cõmyng, put any Tãned Lether to sale (Calues skynnes only except) Tãned or myxed with Ashen barke, Tapworth, Mele, Ashes or Culuer dong. And that thesame Lether so put to sale, hath lyen in the tãne Oxis well and sufficiently wrought and chaunged by the space of thre quarters of one yere at the least, vpon paine that euery suche person or persones, puttyng any Tanned Lether to sale Tanned contrary to the fourme of this estatute, shal forfaite the same Lether so put to sale, and further for euery hyde therof vi.s.viii.d. And that it shalbe lefull to euery person or persones, to seaze thesame Lether so put to sale contrary to this act as forfaite. And that he that shall so seaze thesame Lether, shall haue the one halfe of thesame Lether so seazed, and the kyng the other halfe, and that he that wil sue for thesame forfaiture of vi.s.viii.d. for euery of thesame Hydes so forfaite as for thesayd Lether so forfaited, as is aforesayd, by way of informacion, byll, plaint, or action of debt in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, wherin no wager of lawe, Essoyne or Protection shalbe allowed, shall haue the one halfe and the kyng the other halfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd that after and from thesayd first daye of Maye next commyng, no person or persones, shall ouerlyme, or ouerburne with Lyme any Hydes in their Lymcpytes, nor shall set any their fattes in Tanne hylles or other places where the Oxis or Lether that shalbe put to tanne in thesame, shal or may take any vnkynde heates, or shall put any hote licor, or hote Oxis into their fattes wherin any Hydes or Lether shalbe put to tampng, or shal practise any other deceiptfull wayes or meanes for the ouerspedy tannyng of any hydes or lether, or wherby any hydes or lether shalbe brunt, skalded or marred in the tannyng thereof, vpon the paynes and penalties aforesayd. And that it shalbe lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the tyme beyng, and to euery person and persones hauyng auctoritie by the lawes and estatutes of this realme, to searche, viewe and marke tanned lether, to entre at all reasonable tyme and tymes into the Tanne houses of any person and persones, vsyng and exercisyng the mistery or crafte of Tannyng of Lether, and to searche their Tanne fattes that stande or be in their Tannehouses or other places. And if any suche Justice or searcher shall fynde or perceiue Hydes or Lether put in any suche fatte or fattes set in their Tãnehilles, otherwise deceiptfully tanned, or ouerlymed or burnt w Lyme, or tãned cõtrary to this estatute:

that then it shalbe lefull to euery suche Justice and searcher or searchers so findyng thesame, to seaze thesame Hydes & Lether and to take the one moytie therof to the vse of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng & the other moytie therof to his owne vse: and in case he cannot seaze and haue the same by way of sealure, that then thesame Justice and Searcher or any of thē may sue for thesame or the value therof, in any of the kynges courtes of Record by informacion, bill, plaint, or accion of debte or Detinue wherein no essoyne, wager of lawe, or proteccion shalbe allowed, and the kyng to haue the one halfe of all thesayd forfaytures, and the partie that so sueth, the other halfe.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persones occupiyng, or that shall hereafter occupy or exercise the craft or mistery of Tanners, shall cut any Hyde or Hydes of Steere or Cowe for clowte Lether, or to make any clowte Lether thereof: But that they and euery of them shal sell and vtter all and euery their Hydes of Cowe and Steere, whole and vncut, vpon payne and forfayture of the losse of thesame hydes so cut and vi.s.viii.d. for euery Hyde so cut: & that euery person and persones, that will seaze thesame Lether or sue for thesame forfaitures, as is before limitted for the penalties aforesayd, shall haue the one halfe therof and the kyng the other halfe.

And be it enacted by thesayd auctho̅itie, that no person or persones shal after thesayd first day of May, tanne any maner of Felles, or shepe skynnes or put to sale, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesame skynnes and vi.s.viii.d. for euery shepe skynne so tanned or solde, the one halfe thereof to be to the kyng, and the other halfe therof, to be to him that wil seaze or sue for thesame, by any of the wayes or meanes aforesayd: This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that this present acte or any thyng therein contayned, shal not in any wise extend to be preiudicial or hurtful to any Lord or Lordes, person or persons, bodies politique and corporate or any of the, their heires or successors, or the heires or successors of any of them, touching any Fayre or Market, seale, searche, libertie, fraunchise, preuilege, profite, commoditie, forfaiture, fines, or emolument, whiche they or any of them, haue or ought to haue by any lawfull interest, or title before the comencement and beginnyng of this present Parliament: But that they and euery of them, may and shal haue, enioy perceiue, take and kepe all and synguler their Fayres, Markettes, seale, searches, liberties, fraunchises, profites cōmodities, forfaitures & fines, rising, commyng and growyng by reason of this act, any clause, article or sentence in this present act or statute to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng: this act to endure vnto the ende of the next Parliament.

The xii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for thassuraunce to the tenauntes of grauntes and leases made of the Duke of Somersetts demeane landes.

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Here as the right excellent Prince Edwarde duke of Somerset hath heretofore ordeined, constituted and made, diuerse persones to be Stewardes, & Surueiours, of diuerse & sundrie his honoures, Manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, by his sufficient writing or writinges in the law, signed & sealed by thesaid duke, & hereafter may at his wil and pleasure ordein, constitute and make diuerse & sondrie Stuardes & surueiors, of any his honours, manors, landes, tenemētes, or hereditamētes, which thesaid Stuardes and surueiors heretofore so constituted and made or such & as many of thē as by any suche writing of thesaid duke, were appointed or authorised to make leases or grauntes of any the landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, of thesaid duke: haue according vnto the tenor and effect of their said cōmission, & writings graunted and made, for & in the behalf of thesaid duke, many demises, leases, & grauntes for terme of life, or liues, of diuerse perels of the honors, manors, meases, landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamētes, being perel of the possessiōs of thesaid duke, whiche be, or haue been cōmonly called or known, by thename of demeane landes, Bartō landes, ouer lande, or Borde lādes, or by any other name, or names, by copie of court Roll of the honour, or mānour, wherin or nere vnto which honour, or mānour thesame, landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, so graunted or letté, are, or be, for and during such and those estates, and termes, for life, or liues, as been rehersed limitted, and appointed, by and in the copies of court Roll, to thē seuerally therof had, and made, and according vnto the customes of the honours, or manours, wherin or nere vnto whiche, thesaid landes tenemētes, or hereditamētes so letten or graūted are, or be in like maner, fourme & condition, and with like and thesame customes, vsages, and liberties, benefites, commodities, and priuileges, as the auncient and customarie tenauntes and copiholders of the olde customarie and copihold landes of thesated honour, or manour, where suche demeane landes, or Barton landes, or other thesaid landes, are lying or being, or whetof any of thesaid Meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes be, or haue been accompted, letten, or reputed, for or as part or perel, haue vsed, do or ought to do, by the customes and vsages of thesaid honor, or mānour, wher as of trouth no custom or vsage, can or may, by the lawes of this realme, be annexed or knit to any meases, lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes letten, or to be letté, by coppie of court Roll, to any persō or persones, albeit those wordes *secundum consuetudinem manerij* be rehersed and expressed in thesaid court Rolle, or copie therof, had or made, except that thesame meases, landes, tenementes or other hereditamētes so letten, be olde customarie or copiholde landes & haue been vsed by all the tyme wherof memorie of mā is not to the contrary, to be letten, or demised, by Copie of court rolle, or otherwise at the wyl of the lorde, according vnto the custome of thesaid honour or mānour: And for that cause, suche and

thoſe leaſſes, demiſes, and graũtes made or to be made, for terme of life, or liues by copie of court Rolle of demeane, or Barton landes, or other theſaied landes, and not being olde cuſtomarie or copihold landes, nor hauing any liuery, or ſeaſon of theſame, ben by the lawes of this realme of no better force, then leaſes made or to be made, onely for ꝛ outing the will and pleaſure of the leſſours and grauntours therof, at and by the lorde̅ lawe: by reaſon wherof, diuerſe of thoſe perſons to whom any ſuch leaſes or grauntes, by copie of court Roll be or haue ben had and made or hereafter ſhalbe had, or made, of or in any ſuch meaſſes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, may be hereafter by ſome of the heires or aſſignes of theſaied Duke, or by any other whiche ſhall or may haue any eſtate therin, by or frõ ſome of them, or vnder the title of ſome of thẽ expulſed ꝛ put out of theſaid meaſes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamẽtes, commonly called demeanes or Barton landes, or other theſaid lãdes ſo takẽ, or to be takẽ, as is aforeſaid, contrary to equitie ꝛ conſcience, ꝛ contrary to the true meaning of theſaid duke, ꝛ to the great empouriſhment of thoſe perſons that ſo haue takẽ or ſhal take any of the ſame by copie of court Roll: for remedy wherof ꝛ for the relief, aide, and better iuerty of ſuch perſons, as haue takẽ or had or hereafter ſhal take, or haue, any leaſes, or graũtes, by copie of court roll, according vnto the cuſtome of any honour or manour, which is, had ben, or ſhalbe parcel of the poſſeſſions of theſaid duke: theſaid duke of his charitable mind, and accuſtomed goodnes, hũblie, beſeecheth the kinges moſt excellẽt maieſtie, the lordes ꝛ commons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſẽbled, that it may be ordeined, and enacted by aucthoritie of parliament, in maner ꝛ fourme folowing (that is to ſaie) that al leaſes, ꝛ graũtes, had, made or greũted, or hereafter to be had, made, or graũted, by copy of court roll for terme of life, or liues, not exceding three liues at the moſt of any meaſſe or meaſſes, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, reuercions, or other hereditamentes called demeane lãdes, or Bartõ landes, or by any other name, or names, parcel of the poſſeſſiõs of theſaid duke, ꝛ graunted or made by ſuch ꝛ as many of thoſe perſones, which at any time or times heretofore haue ben aucthorized by any writing ſygned ꝛ ſealed by theſaied dukes, to make any demiſes or leaſes, or graũtes of any his meaſſes, landes, tenemẽtes, poſſeſſions, or hereditamẽts, ꝛ alſo al other leaſes, ꝛ graũtes hereafter to be made, had or graunted, by any perſon or perſons whiche ſhalbe at any time hereafter by the ſufficient writing in the law of theſaied duke ordeined, conſtituted, or made. Stuarde, or Surueiour of any the manours, meaſſes landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes, of the ſaied Duke: by Coppe of coutte Rolle, of any theſaied Meaſſes, landes, tenementes, reuercions, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes, for terme of lyfe, or lyues, not exceedyng three lyues, whyche Leaſe and graunt, or the true Coppe therof, ſhalbee wythin one yere nexte after the makyng of any ſuche leaſe, or graunt, by Copie of court Rolle, entred, and wryten in a boke, or roll. and whiche boke or rolle, after the entrie therof

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shalbe sygned and subscribed with the hand of thesaied Duke, or of his heires, shalbe of such like & thesame force, strength, & effect in the law, to al ententes, constructiōs, & purposes, to such and those persones to whō thesame shalbe so letten, or graunted, by name expressed in thesaid lease, or graunt, according vnto the estates & termes mencioned in the leases, and graūtes therof, as if the meases, landes, tenemētes, reuersions, possessions, and hereditamentes, wherof such lease demise, or graunt, is, or shalbe made, by copie of court rolle, were made of the old auncient customary or copihold lādes, of the honor or mannor, mēcioned in such lease, graunt or copy of court Rolle, which haue ben demised, or demissible by copie of court Rolle, of thesaid honor or mannor or otherwise according vnto the custome of thesaid honor, or mannor, by all the tyme wherof memorie of man is not to the contrarie. And that the leases, grauntes, and tenauntes therof, shall yelde, do, and paie, and be bounde to paye, yelde and do to thesaid Duke, his heires, and assignes, and to other the Lorde or Lordes of thesaid, honor or mannor for the tyme beyng, lyke, and as muche rentes, for thesame, as at any tyme heretofore haue been, yelden and payde, and all other dueties, seruices, & customes, and vpon like paines, forfaitures, and penalties, and shal haue and enioye al such lyke laufull customes, liberties, vsages, and aduauntages, knyt to thesame measses, landes, tenementes, and hereditamētes so by them, or any of them taken, or to be taken, during their seuerall estates & interestes, of, and in thesame by force of thesaid copies, or customes, as the auncient and olde customary and copiholde tenementes of thesaied honor or mannor where thesaid copiholdes or customarie tenementes bee, haue been or shalbe taken, or had, haue laufully vsed, or ought laufully by ye custome of thesaied honor, or mannor, to yelde, do, paie, or haue, any law vsage or custome to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding: sauing to euery persone & persones, bodies politique and corporat, their heires, and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then thesaied Duke, and his heires, and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, and the heires and successours of euery or any of them, which shall haue any estate, possession, or interest, in or to any of the premisses, by thesaied Duke, or by any of his heires, or vnder the title of thesaied Duke, al such right, title, vse, interest, commoditie, and profit, of in and to al & euery thesaid honours, mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamētes and other the premisses, and to euery part and parcel therof, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had, before the making of this acte, and as though this act had neuer been had, ne made, any thing in this acte conteined to the cōtrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. xiii. Chapiter.

An acte for the true payment of Tythes.

WHere in the Parliamēt holden at Westminster the.iiii. day of February in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of the late kyng of most famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, ther was one act made cōcerning paiment of tythes predial and personal. And also in an other Parliament holden at Westminster the xxiiii day of July in the xxxii. yere of the reigne of thesaid late kyng Henry the eight, an other act was made concerning true paimēt of Tithes and offringes in which seueral actes many & diuers thinges be omitted and left out, which were cōuenient and very necessary to be added to thesame in consideracion wherof & to thintent thesaied tithes may be hereafter truly paide according to the minde of the makers of thesaied actes: Be it ordeined and enacted by the king our soueraigne lord with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of thesame, that not only thesaid actes made in thesaid.xxvii.and.xxxii.yeres of the reigne of thesaid late kyng henry the eight cōcerning true paiment of tithes, and euery article and braunche therin conteined, shall abide & stande in their ful strength and vertue, but also be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that ēuery of the kynges subiectes, shall frō henceforth truely and Justly without fraude or gyle, deuide, sett oute, yelde and paye all maner of their prediall tythes in their propre kynde as they ryse and happen, in suche maner and fourme as hath been of ryght yelded and payed within fourty yeres nexte before the makyng of this Acte, or of ryght or Custome ought to haue been payed. And that no persone shall from henceforth take or cary awaye any suche or lyke Tythes whiche haue been yelded or paied within thesaied fourty yeres or of right ought to haue been paied in the place or places titha ble of thesame, before he hath iustely deuided or set forth for the Tythe thereof the tenth part of thesame, or otherwise agreed for thesame Tythes with the persone, vicare, or other owner, proprietorie or fermoure of thesame Tythes, vnder the payne of the forfaiture of treble value of the Tythes so taken or caryed awaye.

AND be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that at al times whensoeuer & as often as thesaied prediall tythes shalbe due at the tything tyme of thesame, it to be lefull to euery partie to whom any of the sayd tithes ought to be paied or his deputie, or seruaunt, to view and see their saied tithes to be iustly & truly set forth & seuered frō the.ix. partes and thesame quietly to take & cary away. And if any persone cary away his corne or haye, or his other predial tythes before the tith therof be set forth or willingly withdraw his tythes of thesame or of such other thinges, wherof predial tithes ought to be paied, or do stop or let the person, vicar, proprietorie, owner or other ther deputies or fermours, to view, take and cary away their tythes as is abouesaid, by reason wherof the

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ſaid tithe or tenthe is loſte, impaired, or hurte, that then vpon due proffe therof made, before the ſpirituall iudge or any other iudge to whó here-tofore he might haue made complaint, the partie ſo carying away, with-drawing, letting or ſtopping, ſhall paie the double value of the tenthe or tithe ſo taken, loſt, withdrawen or caried away, ouer & beſides the coſtes, charges & expences of the ſute in theſame, theſame to be recouered before ỳ eccleſiaſticall iudge, accordig to ỳ kinges eccleſiaſtical lawes.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that all and euery perſó which hath or ſhal haue any beaſtes or other cattel tithable going, feding, or depaſturing in any waſt or cómon ground, wherof the pariſhe is not certainly knowen, ſhal pay their tithes for the increaſe of theſaid cattal ſo going in theſaid waſt or common, to the perſon, vicare, propietorie, portionarie, owner or other their Fermours or deputies of the pariſhe, Hamlet, Toune or other place where the owner of theſaied cattall inhabyteth or dwelleth.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, ỳ no perſon ſhalbe ſued or otherwiſe cõpelled to yelde, geue or pay any maner of tithes for any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, which by the lawes & ſtatutes of this realme, or by any priuilege or preſcripcion are not chargeable with the paiment of any ſuche tythes, or that be diſcharged by any compoſicion reall.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enated by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that al ſuch bare heath or waſt groũd, other then ſuch as be diſcharged for the paimẽt of tithes by act of parliamẽt, which before this time haue laine baren & paied no tithes by reaſon of theſame barẽnes, & now be or hereafter ſhalbe emproued & conuerted into arrable ground or medow, ſhal frõ hẽceforth after the ende & terme of .vii. yeres next after ſuch emprouemẽt fully ended & determined, pay tith for ỳ corne & hay growing vpõ theſame, any thing in this act to ỳ cõtrary in anywiſe not wtſtandig.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforſaid, that if any ſuch barren, waſt or heath ground, hath before this time ben charged wt the paiment of any tithes, & that theſame be hereafter empro-ued & conuerted into arrable ground or medow, that then the owner or owners therof ſhal, during .vii. yeres next folowing, frõ & after theſame emprouemẽt, pay ſuch kid of tith as was paid for theſame before theſaid emprouemẽt, any thing in this act to ỳ cõtrary in anywiſe not wtſtandig

AND be it alſo further enacted by thaucthorite aforſaid, that euery perſõ exerciſing merchãdiſes, bargaining & ſelling, clothing, hãdicraft or other arte or facultie, being ſuch kind of perſons, & in ſuch places as heretofore within this .xl. yeres haue accuſtomably vſed to pay ſuch perſonal tithes or of right ought to pay, other thẽ ſuch as ben cõmon day labourers, ſhal yerely at or before ỳ feaſt of Eaſter pay for his perſonal tithes, the tenth part of his clere gaines, his charges & expẽſes according to his eſtate, cõdition or degree, to be therin abated, alowed, & deducted.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that in all suche places where handicraftes men haue vsed to paie their tythes within this. xl. yeres, thesame custome of paiment of tithes to be obserued and to continue. any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any persone refuse to paie his personall tithes in fourme aforesaied, that then it shalbe lefull to the ordinarie of thesame dioces where the partie that so ought to paie thesaied tythes is dwellyng, to call thesame partie before him, and by his discretion to examen him by all lawfull and reasonable meanes other then by ye parties owne corporal othe, concerning the true paiment of thesaid personall tythes.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforsaid, that all & euery persō and persones whiche by the lawes or customes of this realme ought to make or paie their offringes, shal yerely frō henceforth wel & truly content and paie his or their offringes, to the persō, vicar, proprietorie, or their deputies or fermours of the parish or parishes wher it shal fortune or happē him or thē to dwel or abide: And ye at such iiii. offring daies, as at any time heretofor within the space of. iiii. yeres last past, hath ben vsed & accustomed for the paimēt of thesame, & in default therof to paye for their said offrings at Easter then next folowig.

PROVIDED also & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforsaid, that this act or any thing therin cōteined, shal not extēd to any parish which standes vpon and to wardes the sea coastes, the cōmodities and occupiyng wherof cōsisteth chiefly in fishing, and haue by reason therof vsed to satisfie their tithes by fysh, but that all and euery such parish and paryshes shall hereafter paie their tithes according to the laudable customes, as thei haue heretofore of auncient time within this fourtie yeres, vsed and accustomed, and shall paie their offringes as is aforesaied.

PROVIDED alwaies & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that this acte or any thing therin conteined, shall not extend in any wise to the inhabitauntes of the citie of London & Cantorburie, & the suburbes of thesame, ne to any other Toune or place that hath vsed to paye their tithes by their houses, otherwyse then they ought or should haue done before the making of this acte, any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforsaid, that if any person do subtract or withdraw any maner of tithes, obuencions, profites, cōmodities or other duties before mēcioned, or any part of thē, contrary to the true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made, that then the partie so subtracting or withdrawing thesame, may or shalbe conuēted & sued in the kinges ecclesiastical court by the party from whō thesame shalbe subtracted or withdrawen, to the intēt the kinges iudge ecclesiasticall, shall & may then and there, heare & determine thesame according to the kinges ecclesiastical lawes. And that it shal not be lauful

vnto the persō. vicare, proprietorie, owner or other their fermours or deputies, cōtrary to this act, to cōuent or sue such withholder of tithes, obuencions or other dueties aforesaid before any other iudge then ecclesiastical. And if any Archebishop, Bishop, Chaūcellor, or other iudge ecclesiasticall geue any sentence in theforsaid causes of tithes, obuēcions, profites, emolumentes & other duties aforesaid, or in any of thē (and no apeale ne prohibition hanging) the partie condēned, do not obey thesaid sentence, that then it shal be leful to euery such Judge ecclesiasticall, to excommunicate thesaid partie, so as afore condemned and disobeiyng in the whiche sentence of excommunicaciō if thesaid partie excommunicate wilfully stande and endure still excommunicat by the space of. xl. daies next after vpon denunciation & publication therof in the parish church of the place or parishe where the partie so excommunicat is dwelling or most abiding, thesaid iudge ecclesiasticall may thē at his pleasure signifi to the king into his court of chaūcery of the estate & condicion of thesaid partie so excōmunicat & therupō to require proces *De excommunicato capiendo*, to be awarded against euery such person as hath ben so excommunicat.

BE it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any partie at any tyme hereafter, for any matter or cause before rehersed, limited or appointed by this act, to be sued or determined in the kinges ecclesiasticall court, or before the ecclesiasticall iudge, do sue for any prohibicion in any of the kinges courtes where prohibicions before this tyme haue ben vsed to be graūted: That then in euery such case, thesame partie before any prohibicion shalbe graunted to him or thē, shal bring & deliuer to the hādes of some of the Justices, or Judges of thesame court where suche partie demaūded prohibicion, the very true copy of the lybell depending in the ecclesiasticall court, concerning the matter wherfore the partie demaūdeth the prohibicion, subscribed or marked with the hand of thesame partie: And vnder the copy of thesaid libell shalbe writen the suggestion wherfore the partie so demaundeth thesaid prohibicion: & in case thesaid suggestion by two honest & sufficiēt witnesses at the least, be not proued true in the court wher thesaid prohibicion shalbe so graūted within. vi. monethes next folowing after thesaid prohibicion shalbe so graunted & awarded, that then the partie that is letted or hindred of his or their sute in the ecclesiastical court, by such prohibicion, shal vpon his or their request and sute without delaie haue a consultacion graūted in thesame case in the court where thesaid prohibicion was graunted, and shall also recouer double costes and dāmages against the partie that so pursued thesaid prohibicion, thesaid costes and dāmages to be assigned or assessed by the court where thesaid consultacion shalbe so graunted, for which costes and dāmages, the partie to whom they shalbe awarded may haue an accion of det by byll, plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, wherin the defendaunt shall not wage his or their lawe, nor haue any essoyne or proteccion allowed or admitted.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted by thaucthorite aforsaid

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that this act or any thyng therin conteined shall not extend to geue any minister or iudge ecclesiasticall, any iurisdicciō to hold plee of any matter, cause or thing being contrary or repugnaūt to or against the effect, intent or meaning of the statute of Westminster second, the fift chapiter, the statutes of *Articuli cleri circumspecti agatis: Silua sedua*, the treatise *De regia prohibitione* ne against ẏ statute of *Anno primo Edouardi tercij*, the .x. chapiter, or any of them, ne yet holde plee in any matter wherof the kynges court of ryght ought to haue iurisdiction, any thing herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

PROVIDED neuerthelesse, where heretofore such a custome hath ben in many partes of wales, that of such cattel & other goodes, as hath ben geuen with the mariage of any person there tithes haue ben exacted and leuied by the persōs & curates in those parties: which custome beig dissonāt frō any other part of this realme, as it semed whē thesaid coūtry of Wales was through ciuile dissencion vnculted, for want of other sufficient profites that might otherwise grow to the curates & ministers there, to haue ben for ẏ time tollerable: so now ẏ country being wel manured and husbanded, & that tithe is duely paied ther, of corne, haie, woll and cheese, & of other increase of all maner of cattall, as it is cōmonly in all other partes of this realme, thesame custome semes to be greuous & vnreasonable, specially where the benefices are els sufficient for the finding of thesaid ministers and curates: That it be therfore enacted by ẏ aucthoritie aforesaid, that from and after the first day of May next cōmyng, no such tithes of mariage goodes be exacted or required of any person within thesayd dominion of Wales or marches of thesame: Any thing in this act conteined, or any other acte, custome, or prescripcion, had or made to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

¶ The. xiiii. Chapiter.

An act against the shotyng of haylshot.

Where as an Acte was made in the. xxiii. yere of the late king of famous memory Henry theight, for some libertie to shote in handgōnes, hakes and hacquebuites, by which act neuerthelesse it was prouided that no persō should shote in any of the abouesaid peeces, but at a banke of earth, and not to any deere or foule, onles the partie might dispend one hūdreth poūdes by the yere: Forasmuche as thesaid act hauing ben diuised as it was then thought for necessary exercyse, tending to the defence of the Realme, is growen sythen to the maintenaunce of muche ydelnes, and to suche a libertie as not only dwellyng houses, Douecotes and churches are daily domaged by the abuse thereof by men of lyght conuersacion, but that also there is growen a customable maner of shotyng of haylshot, wherby an infinite sorte of Foule is kylled, and muche game thereby destroyed

to the benefite of no man, whereby also the meanyng of the sayd statute is defrauded, for that the sayd vse of hayle shot vtterly destroieth the certaintie of shotyng, whiche in warres is muche requisite: Be it therfore enacted, that no person vnder the degree of a Lorde of the Parliament, shal from hencefurth, shote in any Handgunne, within any citie or toune at any foule or other marke, vpon any churche, house, or Douecote, neither that any person shal shote in any place any hayl shot, or any mo pellottes then one at one tyme, vpon paine to forfaite for euery tyme that he or they shall so offende contrary to this acte, ten poũdes, and imprisonment of his body durying thre monethes.

Prouided alwayes & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this act nor any thyng therin contayned shal extend or be preiudicial to any person or persones aucthorised by value of lãd to shote in any hãdgũne or crosbowe, but that they may so do in suche fourme and order as they should do and might haue done before the making of this act (hayl shot excepted, as in dede that kind of shot in ỹ sayd act was not meant) & that all & euery other person or persones aucthorised to shote or otherwise, if he inhabite in any toune corporate, be presented to the Maior or other officer of the same, & inhabityng in the coũtrey, be presented within one moneth after the publishyng of this act to the next Justice of Peace adioynyng, in which cases the sayd Maior, Justice, or other officer so takyng their names as is aforesayd, shal againe present & record the same before a Justice of the Peace at the next quarter sessions, to thintent the Clarke of the Peace of the countie, may kepe a certaine boke or rolle of the names of al such persons, by the which the kynges Maiestie may frõ tyme to tyme be assertained how many mete & able men exercised in that feate be in euery coũtie, that the same may be employed in his grãces seruice as nede and occasion shal require, vpõ paine that euery person offẽdyng in this act, in presumyng to shote in any Handgunne or halfe hake without ỹ presentyng of his name as is aforesayd, shal forfait for euery shotte, the summe of xx. s: the one moyte wherof, to be to our souereigne lord the kyng, & the other moytie to him or thẽ that will sue for the same, by bill, accion, plaint, informacion, or otherwise. The officer that should take their names and present the same as is aboue said, to incurre for the lacke of his dutie in this part, for euery tyme so offendyng, like payne.

The xb. Chapiter.

¶ An act touchyng victaylers and handicraftes men.

For asmuche as of late dayes diuers sellers of victuales, not contented with moderate and reasonable gaine, but mynding to haue and to take for their victuals somuche as lust them, haue conspired and couenaunted together to sell their victuals at vnreasonable price: And likewise artificers

tificers, handycraftesmen and labourers haue made confederacies and promises, and haue swoine mutual othes, not only that they should not medle one with one anothers worke, and perfourme and finishe that another hath begon, but also to constitute and appoint, how muche worke they shal do in a day, & what houres & tymes they shal worke, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this realme, & to the great hurt and empouerishment of the kynges Maiesties subiectes: For reformacio therof, it is ordayned and enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that if any Boochers, Brewers, Bakers, Poulters, Cookes, Costermongers, or Fruterers, shall at any tyme from and after the first day of Marche next commyng conspire, couenaunt, promise or make any othes that they shall not sell their victuals but at certayne prices: Or if any artificers, woorkemen or labourers do conspire, couenaunt or promise together, or make any othes that they shall not make or do their woorkes but at a certayne price and rate, or shall not enterprise or take vpon theim to finishe that another hath begon, or shall do but a certayne woorke in a day, or shall not woorke but at certaine houres and tymes, that then euery person so conspiryng, couenantyng, swearyng or offendyng beyng lawfully conuict therof by witnesse, confession or otherwyse, shall forfait for the first offence x. pound to the kynges highnes, and if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and do also paye the same within vi. dayes nexte after his conuiction, or elles shall suffer for the first offence xx. dayes imprisonment, and shall onely haue bread and water for his sustinaunce. And for the seconde offence shall forfait xx. pound to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and do paye the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or elles shal suffer for the second offence punishement of the Pyllory. And for the third offence shall forfaite xl. pound to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and also do paye the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shall sit on the Pillory and lose one of his eares, and also shall at all tymes after that, be taken as a man infamous, and his sayinges, depositions or othe not to be credited at any tyme in any matters of iudgement. And if it fortune any suche conspiracie, couenaunt or promise to be had and made by any societie, brotherhead or company of any craft, mystery or occupacion of the victailers aboue mencioned with the presence or consent of the more part of them, that then immediatly vpon suche act of conspiracy, couenaunt or promise had or made ouer and besydes the particuler punishement before by this act appointed for the offendor, their corporacion shalbe dissolued to al intentes, constructions and purposes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler Iustices of Assyse, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Bailiffes and Stewardes of Leetes, at all & euery their sessions, Leetes

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and courtes, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to inquire, heare and determine all and singuler offences committed against this statute, and to punishe or cause to be punished the offendor accordyng to the tenour of this statute.

AND it is ordained and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persones shall at any tyme after the first day of April next cōmyng, interrupt, deny, let or disturbe any Free Mason, Rough Mason, Carpēter, Bricklayer, Playsterer, Joyner, Hardhewer, Sawyer, Tyler, Pauier, Glasier, Lymeburner, Brickmaker, Tylemaker, Plummer or labourer, borne in this realme, or made Denizen, to worke in any of the sayd craftes in any Citie, Borough or toune corporate, with any person or persons that will retaine him or them, albeit thesayd person & persons so retained, or any of them do not inhabite or dwel in the citie, Borough or toune corporate where he or they shal woorke, nor bee free of thesame Citie, Borough or toune, any statute, lawe, ordinaunce, or other thyng whatsoeuer had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng: and that vpon paine of forfaiture of v. pound for euery interrupcion or disturbance done contrary to this estatute, the one moyte of euery suche forfaiture to be to the kyng, and the other moyte thereof to be to him or them that will sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, accion of debt or informacion, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne, nor proteccion shalbe allowed.

The xvi. Chapiter.

An act for the remouyng of suche as haue the custody of Castles and Fortresses vpon the borders, and beyond the seas.

Where before this tyme, aswell the right high & mightie prince of famous memorye kyng Henry the eight, father to our souereigne lorde the kyng that nowe is, as also our souereigne lorde ẏ kyng that now is, by their seueral letters patentes haue geuen and graunted to diuers seueral persones, the custody and kepyng of diuers & sondry Castles, Fortresses, Bulwerkes, Holdes and offices of defence aswell in the confines and vttermost borders of the North parties of this realme of England against the Scottes the kynges rebelles, as also in the confines and vttermost borders of other places within this realme and other the kynges domions for defence of this realme against forein princes and potentates, with diuers fees, wages, profites and aduauntages in thesayd seuerall letters patentes mencioned. And forsomuche as diuers of thesayd persones hauyng some of thesayd offices been thought mete and apt persones to serue the kynges highnes in other places of seruice: Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lord, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the

commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that it shalbe lawfull to the kyng our souereigne Lorde at his will and pleasure at all tyme and tymes hereafter to remoue aswel all & euery suche person and persones as nowe haue the custodye or kepyng for terme of life, of any Castle, Fortresse, Bulwarke, Holde or office of defence, that at any tyme heretofore hath been erected or made in the cõfynes and vttermost borders of the Northy parties of this realme, as also all and singuler those persones that now haue the custody or kepyng for terme of life of any Castle, Fortresse, Bulwarke, Holde, or office of defence, that within xx. yeres last past hath been erected or made nere the sea coastes, or in any of the kynges dominions in the parties of beyond the sea at the kinges appointment or assignement, geuyng to euery such person and persones so to be remoued to serue the kyng in other place or places of seruice suche like or as good fees, wages, profites, and aduauntages, and of suche like interest or estate, and of as good assuraũce in thesame, as the person or persones so to be remoued now hath or haue for exercysyng of his or their office or offices wherof he or they shalbe so remoued as is aforesayd.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that when and assone as any person or persones so to be remoued, shalbe assured of as good fees, wages, profites, and aduauntages, & of suche like interest or estate as he or they had for the custody or kepyng of any of thesayd Castles, Fortresses, Bulwarkes, Holdes or offices of defence from whiche he shalbe remoued, that then and so sone and frõ thencefurth, the graunt and letters patentes made to him or thẽ so to be remoued for the custody and kepyng of any of thesayd Castles, Fortresses, Bulwarkes, Holdes or offices of defence wherof he or they shall haue suche recompence as is aforesayd, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

The xvii. Chapiter.

An act for the confirmation of the attaynder of sir Wyllyam Sharyngton knight.

FOrasmuche as sir Wyllyã Sharyngton late of Lõdon knight the xiiii. day of February in the third yere of the reigne of our souereigne lorde Edward the vi. by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce & Ireland kyng, defendor of the fayth, and of the churche of England and also of Ireland in yerth the supreme head, was lawfully indicted before the Maior of the Citie of London and other the kynges Commissioners of oyer and Terminer in the Yelde hall in London, for that thesame sir Wyllyam the x. day of July, in the first yere of the reigne of our sayd souereigne lord kyng Edward the vi. and diuers daies and times before and after, at the citie of

Bristoll

Bristoll, in the countie of the Citie of Bristoll, imaginyng falsely to deceiue our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng and his people, falsely & trayterously did make, forge, & counterfaite ii. M. poundes of coyne of siluer to the similitude of a certayne coyne of our sayd souereigne Lorde the kyng, comōly called Testons, of his own aucthoritie without any warrant of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng, and against the kynges prohibicions to the cōtrary therof to him made and geuen, and against the peace of our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his croune and dignitie: vpon whiche indictment, thesame sir Wyllyam was then and there arrayned before thesayd Commissioners, and then and there before thesayd Commissioners vpon his sayd arraynement confessed thesayd treason, and al thynges contayned in thesayd indictment to be true, where vpon iudgement was geuē against thesame sir Wyllyā Sharyngton accordyngly as in suche cases of treason appertayneth. So that thesame sir Wylliā is and now stādeth attaynted of treason, as by the Recorde therof more at large it appereth.

AND also thesame sir Wyllyam falsely and trayterously in the monethes of May, June and July, in thesayd first yere of the reigne of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng, of his own aucthoritie without any warrant or aucthoritie frō our sayd souereigne lorde the kyng, and against his highnes prohibicions to him had & made, did make, forge, and coūterfait ouer and besides thesayd summe of ii. M. poundes mencioned in thesayd Recorde, a certaine coyne like to thesayd kynges coyne called Testons, amoūtyng in the whole to the summe of x. M. poūdes or therabout. And likewise thesame sir Wyllyam moste falsly & vntruely hath deceiued & defrauded the kynges Maiestie in the clippynges and shearynges of the kynges coyne, makyng therby thesame to light, ouer and besides his remedy, and conuerted thesame to his owne vse, profite and commoditie, to the hurt, losse, and domage of the kynges Maiestie, aboue the summe of iiii. M. pound at the least. And thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton at suche tymes when the moncthly bokes & doynges concernyng the makyng of the kynges coyne were brought vnto him, he vsed alwaies to strike out asmuche as he thought good. And to the intent he might the better so do, he falsefied the indentures and writynges, makyng from tyme to tyme at his pleasure new bokes, and burned the olde bokes whiche might iustly haue charged him: Wherein albeit he is not able to expresse to what sūmes he deceiued the kynges Maiestie, yet by his owne declaracion and confession, it amounteth to a notable summe, and to suche a summe as he confesseth, that al that he hath is not able to recompence the kyng. For confirmacion therefore of thesame attayndor and for the more spedy suertie of the kynges Maiestie touchyng the forfaiture & actual and real possession of all suche Castles, Manors, lādes and tenemētes, and hereditamentes whiche thesayd sir Wyllyā had the sayd x. day of Julye, in the sayd first yere of the reigne of our sayd soue-

reigne lorde the kyng, as at any tyme sithen. And also for the forfaiture of all suche goodes, cattals and debtes as was the same sir Wyllyams the sayd xiiii. day of Febzuary: Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctholitie of the same, that the sayd sir Wyllyā Sharyngton for the traytetous forgyng and counterfaityng of the kynges coynes aforesayd, shalbe by thauctholitie of this present Parliament, adiudged and demed a traytor & attainted of treason, and shall suffre suche paynes as in suche cases of treason hath been vsed. And that also the same sir Wyllyam Sharyngton shall forfaite to the kyng all suche Castles, Manors, landes, tenementes, offices, fees, annuities and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer the same sir Wyllyam was seased or possessed of in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of life or yeres in his own right the sayd x. day of July in the sayd first yere of the reigne of our sayd souereigne lord kyng Edward the sixt, or at any tyme sytheus. And all suche goodes, cattals and debtes as the sayd sir Wyllyam had the xiiii. day of Febzuary. And that al the sayd Castles Manors, landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, & other hereditamentes, shalbe by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, adiudged, vested, and demed in the actual and reall possession of the kyng our souereigne lorde from the sayd xiiii. day of Febzuary in the sayd third yere of the reigne of our said souereigne lord, without any office or inquisicion to be therof had or found.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesayd, that sir Anthony Hungerford knight, and his heires, shall haue, holde, and enioy the Manor of Leygh, with the appurtenaunces in the Countie of Wylshire, which the same sir Wyllyam at the special requeste of the same sir Anthony Hungerford, aswell for xvi. acres and a halfe of land, as for iv. acres of wast groundes and woddes with the appurtenaunces in Eastham and Westham within the countie of Essex, assured by the same sir Anthony Hungerford to the kynges highnes and his heires, as for diuers sūmes of money payde by the same sir Anthony, did receiue, haue and take, by the kynges letters patentes, dated the xvi. day of September, in the second yere of the reigne of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng to the intent to make an estate therof in Fee symple, to the sayd sir Anthony and to his heyres, the sayd attayndor before the sayd Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, or this present acte, or any thyng in them or any of them contayned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctholitie aforesayd, that all and euery suche person and persons whiche at the sayd tenth day of Julye, or at any tyme sythens, and before the third daye of January in the second yere of the reigne of our sayd souereigne lord the kyng, hath had and obtayned by lawfull graunt, gift, feoffement, or other assurance, any Manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes,

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with the appurtenaunces from or by thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, or from or by thesayd sir Wyllyam and other, for any sūmes of money or otherwise by or for any other good consideracions, shal haue and enioy thesame Manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes with their appurtenaunces accordyng to suche estate, interest or terme, as is or hath been to any of theym made, by thesayd sir Wyllyam, or by the sayd sir Wyllyam and other, in suche like and thesame maner, as if the sayd attayndor before thesayd Commissioners, or this present Acte had neuer been had or made. Sauyng to al persones and bodyes politique and corporate, their heires and successours, (other then the kynges Maiestie, his heires and successours) all suche right, title, vse, interest, estate, remainder, reuertions, entres, possessions, Rentes Seruices, Rentes Charge, Rentes Secke, fees, annuites, leasses, claymes, commens, profites, condicions, and cōmodities, as they or any of them haue or ought to haue, in or to any part of the premisses, wherof thesame sir Wyllyam before thesayd third day of January in thesayd second yere, made any feoffement, gift, graunt or other assuraunce, to any person or persones. And sauyng to the kynges Maiestie, his heires and successours, suche seignories, rentes, tenthes, seruices and commens, to be taken, had, or perceiued out of the premisses, wherof thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton made any suche feoffement, gift, graunt, or other assuraunce, as is aforesayd, as his highnes before thesayd xiiii. daye of February had, or ought to haue had in any of thesame Manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, in thesame and like maner, fourme, estate and condicion, to all intentes and purposes, as if thesayd attayndor, or this present act had neuer been, had, or made, any thyng to the cōtrary therof notwithstāding. Sauyng also to al and euery person and persones, and bodies politique and corporate, and to euery of them and to their heires, assignes, and successours, and to euery of them (other then to thesayd sir Wyllyā Sharyngton and his heires) all suche rites, titles, vses, interestes, states, possessions, reuersions, remayndors, entres, condicions, fees, offices, Rentes Seruices, Rentes Secke, Rentes Charges, annuites, commens, and all other commodities, profites, and hereditamētes, whatsoeuer, as thei or any of them had, or ought to haue had, thesayd third day of January, any thyng in this act to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this act, ne any thyng therin contained, shall not extend nor be preiudicial to Dame Grace Sharyngton, nowe wife to thesayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, to take away frō thesayd Dame Grace Sharyngton, any right or title, of Joynter or Dower, of in or to, any Manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche before any attaindor of the sayd sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, were thesayd sir Wyllyams, of estate

of inheritaunce: But that thesayd dame Grace Sharyngton, shall and may, at her election, haue, enioy, & demaunde, all suche ioynter, or dower, of in or to any Manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof thesayd sir Wyllyam at any tyme before he was attainted by the cõmen lawe, was seazed of any estate of inheritaunce.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therin contayned, shall not in any wise extende to enable thesayd Dame Grace Sharyngton to demaunde any Dower of, in, or to any Manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche thesayd sir Wyllyam had, or obtained, vpon any trust or confidence, wherof he hath before thesayd xiiii. day of Februarye made any estate, or to thentent thesame sir Wyllyã should therof make any estate or other assuraunce ouer to any other person or persones.

The xviii. Chapiter.

An act for the attayndor of sir Thomas Seymor knight, lorde Seymor of Sudley, high Admiral of England.

IN their moste humble wise beseechyng your moste excellent Maiestie, the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cõmons in this present Parliament assembled: That where sir Thomas Seymor knight, Lorde Seymor of Sudley and high Admiral of England, not hauyng God before his eyes, nor regarding the dutie, whiche by nature, benefites, and allegeaunce he ought to your highnes, nor beyng cõtent with his honorable estate and cõdicion, whervnto your Maiestie hath called and indewed him with, but replenished and fylled with the moste daungerous, insaciable, and feareful vice of ambicion and gredynes of rule, auctoritie and dominion, did in the first yere of your moste noble and victorious reigne, determyne, & resolue with himselfe, to take into his hãdes your moste noble person, and thesame either by violence, stealth or other vndue meane, to haue in his possession, with ỹ order, rule and gouernment of your Maiesties realmes, dominions, and affaires, whiche were before that tyme, aswell by your royal assent, as by the consent and deliberate aduise of all your nobles and counsail, wherof he the sayd lord Admiral was one, otherwise ordered, decreed, and determined: by the meanes wherof, and by the moste prudent foresight and direction of your graces derest vncle the Duke of Somerset, gouernor of your Maiesties moste royal person, and Protector of your highnes realmes, dominions & subiectes, beyng thesayd Admiral disappointed of his malicious enterprise: Thesame Admiral cõtinuyng neuertheles in his great ambicion, and most detestable, malicious and trayterous purpose, thinkyng

king by tumult & violence, openly to achiue that thing, which by sleight he could not secretly compasse, trauapled with your Maiestie, beyng yet for your tender yeres, not hable to conceiue his falshed, by craftie, and subtile, and trayterous meanes and persuasions, hauyng also prepared about your grace by corruption, sondry persones, to be instrumentes to helpe forwardes all his naughtie trayterous purposes, to haue caused your grace at his contemplacion, to haue written a bill or letter of your Maiesties owne hand, to your high court of Parliament, desiryng the same therby to be good vnto thesayd lorde Seymor, in suche suites and matters as he should open & declare vnto thē, which bil or letter, thesayd lorde Admiral, thought, and determined: not only in his owne person to haue brought into the nether house of your sayd court of Parliament, but also to haue likewise opened thesame in the higher house, hauyng in both thesame houses laboured, stired, and moued a nomber of persones, to take part and ioyne with him, in suche thynges as he would set furth and enterprise, wherby he thought to brede suche a tumulte, vproze, and sedicion, aswell in thesayd court, as in the whole realme, as by the troublyng of ỹ whole state and body of this your realme, he might the more facily and easely bryng to passe his most feareful, deuilishe, and naughtie purpose: For the more sure and certaine compassyng whereof, like as he feared not to say to certayne noble men & others, that he would make the blackest Parliament that euer was seen here in England, so moste trayterously for the further accomplishement of his leude enterprise, he retayned a great nomber of men, & prepared a great furnature of weapons and habilimentes of warre, ready for the execucion of his sayd trayterous attemptates. And to colour and clobe his sayd mischiuous purposes, did by all suche waies and meanes as he could possibly deuise and imagine practise as it wer for his entry towardes thesame, to seke & attayne the gouernment of your most noble person, and thereby to haue gotten into his hādes the order of your realmes and dominions: Whervnto he aspired in suche sorte, as he did euen then trauail expresselv with the most part of your highnes most honorable counsail, to helpe him to thesayd gouernment, doyng likewise al that he could in the Parliament by himselfe, his seruauntes and ministers, not onely to hynder and let al thinges there proponed, whiche, touched the honor, suertie, and benefite of your Maiestie and the realme: But also spredyng abrode sundrye slaunders touchyng your Maiesties person, your dearest vncle thesayd lord Protector, and the whole state of your counsail, euer vile, daungerous, and vnmete to be here resited, whiche thynges beyng by the goodnes of God reueled, as your sayd vncle the lorde Protector could not chose but heartely lament, thesayd lorde Admirals euil, malicious and corrupte disposicion, chiefely in respecte of the apparaunt and irrecuperable daungier, whiche was like by thesame presently to haue ensued to your Maiestie, and to your realmes and dominions: and secondly, for

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that he was by proximitie of bloud so nearely ioyned vnto him. So hoping that by good aduertisemētes and cōsailes, he might yet recouer, and saue him, & by the grace of God cause him to cast away his naughtie, vile, and ambicious disposicion, & to haue had a better consideracion hereafter to his duetie, both to God & vnto your Maiestie, whervnto he was moste bounden: The sayd lorde Protector laboured with the whole counsail, and otherwise, to reconcile and reforme him, whiche presently must elles haue perished in his folly, and outrage. And albeit the sayd lorde Protector had then perfite knowlege of all the attemptates, and misdemeanors of the sayd Admiral before rehersed. And that the sayd Admiral had then sayd, that he would not come at the sayd lorde Protector and counsail, though they sent for him, and that he would not be cōmitted to any warde for his doynges by the best of thē, whereby it appered that he thought his partie strong inough to resist your maiesties power and ordinary authoritie: Yet the sayd lord Protector, not ceassyng with all clemencie to folow his godly & charitable purpose, did not onely vse all ỹ good meanes he could deuise by the persuasions of certain of your graces counsail and otherwise, to frame him to the amendement of his euils, & so to bring him to the better remembrāce of his duetie, but also considerynge that if the matter should haue growen to extremitie, beyng so nere, and somuch bound to your Maiestie, beyng newly come to your kyngdom, your subiectes not altogether left in the best concord for matiers of religion, great slaunder, tumulte, and daunger might haue ensued therby, aswell here at home in your realme, as from some outward partes, with whō you wer in the warre, and in some secret enmitie ready to entre the warres, thought it with ỹ aduise of your whole cōsail, most mete, and surest for your maiestie to passe his euil doynges ouer in silēce, and somewhat the more in respect of the better stay, for the tyme of your present estate, to bridle him with your liberalitie, & therfore to geue vnto him landes to the perely value of viii. C. pound, trustyng therby, and by suche other good meanes, as were vsed towarde him, to encourage and moue him to leaue for euer that ambicion and seditious mynde, and to liue in suche order, as might haue pleased God, & serued your Maiestie, and your publike weale: But all this notwithstandyng, the deuil who had before plāted that vile and euil wede so depely in his heart, that the rote of the same could not be clerely pulled out, but caused his ambicion eftsones to spryng, and shewe it selfe more ranckely then it had done before. For it plainely appeareth that he taried not long in his dissembled good moode and promise, but began a freshe to imagine, cōpasse and deuise for the satisfyng of his trayterous desire, to make a partie, faccion, and confederacion, wherof he would be the head, and did not onely get as many rules and offices into his handes of all mennes, as he could possibly attayne, and retayned many gentlemen and yeomen into his seruice, makyng a ful accompt and reconyng, whiche he declared secretly

ly to some of his familiars, that he was thereby able of his owne rules, tenauntes and seruauntes to make ten thousand men, for the obteinyng of his sayd purpose, for whose wages he had also deuised after ten thousand pounds by the moneth, out of your Maiesties Wynte at Bustoll, whiche he had obtayned with all your treasour in the same, by the meanes and consent of sir Wyllyam Sharyngton knight, Vicetreasourer, there, to be at his commaundementes: Whiche sir Wyllyam nowe standeth attaynted of treason. And had also put your graces Castle of the Holt, whereof he had the keppyng, euen nowe of late in a readynes, and there caused to be prepared a great furniture of Wheat, Malte, Bieffes, and a great masse of money for the kepyng and intertainment of a nomber of menne, whiche money he caused to be leuied and exacted, halfe the yere before the same was due, bruyng also for the better achiuyng of his purpose, and to amase therwith the more the people, that your Maiestie, whom God long preserue vnto vs, should be dead: But also he laboured sundrye of your nobles, and other your graces subiectes, to ioyne with him, deuising with diuers of them, howe, and by what policie, wayes and meanes they should make themselfes strong in their countreys, for that purpose, and how they should wynne vnto them the hed yomen, and tyngleders of the common people, declaryng howe he ment to haue matched, & set one noble man against suche another noble man, as he thought he could neuer compasse and wynne to assent to his faccion and false conspiracy, promisyng to diuers of them, sundry benefites, yea, taking somuch vpon him, for the accomplishment of his sayd trayterous intent and purpose, as he spared not to promise your moste excellent person in mariage, to a noble mannes daughter of this your realme. And yet not contented herewith, for the further aduauncement of his moste naughtie and trayterous purpose, did trayterously and vnnaturally practise, euen with your highnes owne person, to make your moste excellent Maiestie (for your tender yeres vnable to vnderstande his false and trayterous purposes) an instrument towardes the vndoyng and distruccion of your highnes, and the subuertion of the whole state of this your graces realme: persuadyng your Maiestie, asmuche as in him did lye, not onely to take vpon you, nowe in your yong and tender age, the rule and order of your selfe, entendyng & meanyng by the colour thereof, to take into his handes, your moste royall person, the rules, and orders of all the affaires of your realmes, and dominions, beyng already by thesayd Lord Protector, with the aduice of your graces moste honorable counsail, aswell prudently, and politikely gouerned, as valiauntly and nobly defended, against outward enemies to the increase of your immortal fame and honor: But also to conceiue, & engender an hatered in your moste noble heart against your derest vncle thesayd Lorde Protectour, and all your true and faythfull counsaylours, to the whiche his deuilishe persuasions and assautes, God

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gaue your highnes, euen at this age, to the great reioyce of all vs your
tayth full subiectes and seruauntes, a special grace to resist, aboue com-
men reason and all expectacion, and moste graciously without any ad-
uise or counsail, to refuse and deny his euil aduertisementes and persua-
cions. And further, the sayd Admiral did moste falsely and trayterously
corrupt sundry of your highnes priuie Chamber with many giftes and
otherwise, to the intent they should moue and procure your Maiestie, to
write sundry letters at his and their deuises, and to put into your graces
head, a special and a synguler fauor, affeccio, and trust towardes him, &
a dispositio to folow whatsoeuer he would haue wrought towardes all
others, that he might ꝑ rather haue cõpassed his moste trayterus pur-
pose, whiche must nedes haue tended to your Maiesties destruccion
(whiche God forbid) and to the vtter ruyne of all vs, your highnes most
louyng, faithful, and obedient subiectes: For most gracious souereigne
lorde, besydes all this, it is most euident & apparant, that as immediat-
ly after the kyng your fathers death, of moste noble memory, he bare a
special loue and fauor to your graces syster, the Lady Elizabeth, second
person in the remaynder of the state of succession to the croune of this
realme after your Maiestie, and the heyres of your bodye, whom the
liuyng God long preserue vnto vs, with increase of muche fruite, and
would then of his great presumpcion and trayterous determinacion,
haue maried her, if he could by any meane haue brought to passe the
same, but that he was stated by the sayd lorde Protector, & other of your
graces counsail: So he did not onely continue his sayd determinacion
towardes her, in the Quene his late wyues tyme, but also by diuers se-
cret and craftie meanes and practises, continually sought the achiuyng
of the same sithens the Quenes death, as by sundry wayes is confessed,
and appereth. Insomuche as the same beyng perceiued by your sayd
derest vncle, and some other besydes of your counsail and other perso-
nages of reputacion, and the sayd Admiral by them earnestly aduised,
to beware of it, and to forbeare his pretensed purpose, specially for that
it could not be but daungerous to your graces person, he hath not
been afrayde to defende his naughtie doynges and purpose in it, and to
alke why he should not continue his suite towardes the sayd Lady Eli-
zabeth, with sundrye other wordes, declaryng his full intent and deter-
minacion to it, and neglectyng all good aduises, reasons & monicions,
made, geuen, or alleged, contrary to his purpose, he hath secretly & ear-
nestly followed it, in suche sorte, as if sundry other his mischiuous deui-
ses and practises, had not appered, and come to knowlege, it is euident,
that he would haue done, what he could, secretly to haue maried her, as
he did the late Quene, whom it may appere he maried first, and after
sued to your Maiestie, and the Lorde Protector, and your counsail, for
his preferment to it, whom neuertheles it hath been credibly declared,
he holpe to her ende, to hast forwardes his other purpose: But what

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this mariage of your sayd syster with his prepared forces and confederacies should meane, and what the getting of the rule and order of your Maiesties Wynte at Bristoll, into his handes, with x. thousand menne, whiche besides all his frendes and diuers retreigners, he accompted him selfe furnished of, and able to make at all tymes within his owne rules, and of his owne seruauntes and tenauntes, should tende vnto, for the wages and intertaignmentes of whó he had prepared as is aforesayd, considering that thesayd Admiral at all tymes when occasion of the seruice of your Maiestie was necessarye or requisite, went alwayes backe and refused to take it vpon him, whether it were by sea or lande, as your graces counsail both knowe and diuers tymes haue lamented, and in that case trauailed with him (in vaine) to bring him vnto it, wherby no good mynde or will of him towardes your Maiesties safetie or assuraunce can appere. And vpó all these sinister wayes and meanes, what his corrupt and subtle attemptes, of gettyng your moste noble person into his handes, by colour wherof he might haue wrought what he would, and whatsoeuer his ambicious intent could haue deuised, with his preparacions of victuals, and money, and other his sayd doynges at your sayd graces Castle of the Holte, and in the parties theraboutes, would haue wrought in the ende, especially in this tender age of your highnes, and whylest your Maiestie is in the gouernement of a Protector: It is fearfull to consider and thynke vpon, and cannot otherwise be taken, but to be in dede more then a manifest declaracion of a trayterous aspiryng to your croune of this realme, and to be kyng of thesame, and an open dede and act, and a false and trayterous compasse and imaginació to depose and depriue your Maiestie, fró your royal estate and title of your realmes, and to compasse and imagine the death of your most noble person, and moste trayterously to take awaye, and destroye all thynges, whiche should haue sounded to the let and impediment of his moste trayterous and ambicious enterprise.

And further gracious souereigne lord to declare the trayterous disposicion of his nature, & how litle he cared to offend your graces lawes, and how he did yet lesse regard his trouth & dutie towardes your grace: Where Wyllyá Sharyngton knight, late of Lódon, the x. day of July, in the first yere of your graces reigne, hath in the countie & citie of Bristoll, falsely and trayterously forged and counterfaicted certain of your graces coyne, and further embeseled and purloyned fró your Maiestie vntruely and falsely at the least the summe of xl. M. pounds: for part whereof thesame sir Wyllyam Sharyngton vpon his owne confession is attaynted of treason, accordyng vnto your graces lawes, to whiche sayd trayterous actes, thesayd lorde Admiral did not only abbet & procure thesame sir Wylliam Sharyngton, labouryng him that he should get asmuche money from tyme to tyme into his handes for his purpose as he could, so that he might euer haue a good masse in a readynes, but

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also sythe the tyme of thesayd treason and trayterous attes, so done by thesayd sir William Wharyngton: Thesayd Lorde Admiral hauyng perfect knowlege thereof, aswell by the declaracion of the moste part of your highnes counsail, as by some of his owne counsail learned, hath trayterously cõforted, ayded, assisted, and maintayned thesayd sir William Wharyngton, in his sayd trayterous act and faultes against your grates lawes, & statutes of this realme, takyng the patent, indentures, bookes and recoynynges of thesame sir William Wharyngton, of his own auctoritie, into his custody, and affirmyng both to sundry of your gractes counsail, and to diuers of your subiectes, that thesayd Wharyngton had wyong to be committed, deuisyng all the wayes he could possible, contrarye to his duetie and allegeaunce, trayterously to beare him in his euil and trayterous doynges, and to deliuer him if he by any meanes might haue comen by him.

AND for a further proofe to induce that thesayd Admiral did maintayne and comforte thesame Wharyngton, where thesame Admirall ought to thesayd Wharyngton ii. M. viii. C. pounde, thesayd Wharyngton vpõ a mistrust, whiche he had before his apprehension, that he should for his fault and proceedynges come one day to his tryall and examinacion, communicatyng thesame with thesayd Lorde Admirall, the sayd Admirall agreed, and promised, not onely to ayde, and maintayne, and beare him to the vttermost of his power, as in deede he did bothe as is aforesayd, and in cõsultyng with learned men for him, and otherwise: But also for his more assured ayde, beyng indebted to thesayd Wharyngton, in the some of ii. M. viii. C. pound, vntruely conspired with the sayd Wharyngton vpon a bill, whereby it appeared that thesayd Wharyngton should owe vnto him the summe of ii. M. põũd with interestes so as thesayd Admiral might helpe & relieue him, with that ii. M. pound with the interest at your Maiesties hand, as a debt vnto himselfe. And also with ii. M. viii. C. pound, whiche thesayd Admiral ought in dede to thesayd Wharyngton, amountyng in the whole to v. M. vi. C. pound, whiche bill most vntruely and to the open maintenaunce and fauor of thesayd Wharyngton, thesayd Lorde Admiral affirmed before thesayd lorde Protector and your highnes cõsail, to be a true bill, and thesame ii. M. viii. C. pound with the interest to be his iust debt, and so was taken, vntill thesayd Wharyngton himselfe confessed & affirmed the truth, whereby the coyn and falshed plainly appeared to the contrary.

Finally moste gracious souereigne lorde, it were to muche and ouer tedious to molest & trouble your excellẽt Maiestie, either with the remẽbraunce of his euil doynges in his office of the Admiraltie, wherein he hath so manifestly receipted, maintayned, ayded, and comforted sondry pirates and taken to his owne vse the goodes piratusly taken against your lawes, and expressely against the ordres determined by the Lorde Protector and the whole counsail, whereunto his owne hand hath been,

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for the restitucion of them: whereby he hath moued, almoste all Princes Christian, to conceiue a grudge, and displeasure, and by open warres, to seke remedies at their awne handes, to the greate trouble, and daungier of your maiestie, your realmes, and dominions, and to the great charge losse, and disquiet of your moste louyng, and faithfull subiectes, and to the perill of breakyng of the Leagues, and treaties, of amitie, betwixte your maiestie, and other forein princes, as their Ambassadors, here haue plainly declared, and as present experience teacheth: Or to expresse his innumerable vntruthes, falshodes, and deceipfull practises, discouerying and openyng, of your Maiesties counsailes, refusall to serue your highnes, as he hath bern commaunded, oppression, and manifest extorcion, of your maiesties subiectes vsyng Iuande, and other voyages by the sea: and his determinactons of reuenge towardes all men, with whō he was offended, wherche his awne letters, and other testimonies, doo declare against hym, with a full resolucion, to haue put the whole of his intent, shortly in experience and execucion, if God had not preuented it, to the destruccion of your moste royall person, and the subuersion, and alteracion, of the whole state of your realmes, and dommons: Wherfore cōsideryng, aswell that he is a member, so vnnaturall, vnkynd and corrupt, and suche a heinous offendor, of your maiestie, and your lawes, as he cannot, nor maie conueniently be suffered, to remaigne in the body of your graces common wealth, but to the extreme daunger, of your highnes, beyng the hedde, and of all the good membres of thesame, and is to pernicious, and daungerous an example, that suche a persone, so muche bound, and so forgetfull of it, so mercifully heretofore entreated, and by sondery and greate benefites allured, and called, and so cruelly, and ingratefully, continuyng in his falle and traiterous intentes and purposes, against your highnes, and the whole estate of your Realme, should remain emong vs.

IT maie therfore, please your excellent maiestie, that it maie be enacted, with your highnes assent, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame: That thesaied Sir Thomas Seimour knight, Lorde Seimour of Sudley, high Admirall of Englande, for thesaied traiterous offences, and deedes, shalbe, by thauctoritie of this present parliament, adiudged, and attainted, of high treason. And that thesame sir Thomas Seimour knight, lorde Seimour of Sudley, high Admirall of Englande, shall, haue suffre, and sustein, suche peines of death, as in cases of high treason, haue bern vsed, and accustomed. And also that the saied lorde Seimour of Sudley, shall forfeit, and lose, to your maiestie, and your heires, all suche Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Wedowes, Iesues, pastures, woddes, waters, rentes, reuertions, seruices offices, fees, annuities, and all other hereditamentes, goodes, cattailes, and debtes, whatsoeuer thesame Lorde Seimour had, enioyed, or was

seazed, oz possessed of, at the .xvii. date of January, in the seconde yere of your graces reigne, oz at any tyme since.

AND that all suche Castles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, medowes, leases, pastures, woodes, waters, rentes, reuercions, seruices, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, to bee, by aucthozitie of this present acte, adiudged, vested, and deamed, in the actuall and reall possession, of your highnes, from the said .xvii. date of January, without any office oz inquisicion, to bee thereof had oz founde, sauyng to all and euery persone, and persones, and bodies politique and cozpozate, and to their heires, assignes, and successoz, and to euery of them, other then the said lozde Seimour of Sudley, and his heires, all suche rightes, titles interestes, vses, possessions, reuercions, remainders, entrees, condicions, leasses, fees, offices, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes sicke, annuities, commons, and all other commodities, profites, and hereditamentes whatsoeuer, thei oz eny of them, had, might, oz ought to haue had, if this present act had neuer been had noz made.

FVRTHERMORE, the kynges maiestie is pleased, that it be enacted, that all persone and persones, bodies politique and cozpozate, and their executoz̄s and administratoz̄s, shalbe well and truly cõtented and paied, vpon their humble sute and petition, hereafter to bee made, vnto his highnes of all suche debtes, whiche either by specialtie, oz by any other iust and true contract, the said lozde Admirall did owe to the oz any of them, at any tyme before the said .xvii. date of January, in the said seconde yere of his maiesties reigne.

The .xix. Chapiter.

An act, foz the abstinence from flesshe.

ALbeit, the kynges subiectes, now hauyng a moze perfect and clere light of the Gospel, & true wozd of god thzough the infinite clemency, and mercie of almightie God, by the handes of the kynges Maiestie and his moste noble father, of famous memozy, promulgate, shewed, declared, and opened, and thereby perceiuyng, that one date, oz one kynd of meate, of it self is not moze holy, moze pure, oz moze cleane, then another, foz that all dates & all meates, be of their nature, of one equall puritie, cleanes, and holines; and that all men should by theim liue, to the glozy of God, and at all tymes, and foz all meates, geue thankes vnto hym of whiche meates, none can defile Chzistian men, oz make them vncleane at any tyme, to whom, all meates be lawfull and pure, so that thei bee not vsed in disobedience oz vice: Yet foz asmuche, as diuerse of the kynges subiectes, turnyng their knowlege therein, to satisfie their sensualitie, where, thei should thereby, increase in vertue, haue of late tyme, moze then in tymes past, bzoken, and contemned suche abstinence,

whiche

whiche hath been vsed in this Realme, vpon the Fridaies and Saturdaies, the Embryng daies, and other daies, commonly called Vigilles, and in the time commonly called Lent, and other accustomed tymes: the kynges maiestie considerynge, that due and godly abstinence, is a meane to vertue, and to subdue mennes bodies, to their soule and spirite, & considerynge also specially that Fisshers, and men vsyng the trade of liuyng, by Fishyng in the Sea, maie thereby the rather, bee set on woorke, and that by eatyng of Fishe, muche Flesshe shalbee saued and increased, and also for diuerse other consideracions and commodities of this Realme, doth ordeigne and enacte, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and Commons, in this presente Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all maner of statutes, lawes, constitutions, and vsages, concernyng any maner of fastyng, or abstinence from any kynde of meates, heretofore in this realme made or vsed, shall from the firste daie of maie nexte ensuyng, lose their force and strength, and be voyde, and of none effecte. And also that no persone or persones, of what estate, degre, or condicion, he or thei be, shall at any tyme, after the saied firste daie of Maie, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xlix. willyngly and wittyngly, eate any maner of Flesshe, after what maner of kynd or sort it shalbe ordred, dressed, or vsed, vpon any Fridaie, or Saturdaie, or the Embryng daies, or in any daie, in the tyme commonly called Lent, nor at any suche other daie as is, or shalbee at any tyme hereafter, commonly accepted and reputed as a Fishe daie, within this Realme of Englande, wherein it hath been commonly vsed, for to eate Fishe, and not Flesshe, vpon pain that euery persone, eatyng any maner of Flesshe, vpon any of thesaied daies or tymes, prohibited by this acte, to forfeit for thesame first offence tenne shillynges, of lawfull money of Englande, and also to suffre emprisonment, by the space of tenne daies, and durynge the tyme of his, or her saied emprisonment, to abstein from eatyng of any maner of flesshe.

AND if any persone, after he shalbe lawfully conuict of any offece contrary to this act, do eftsones offend, contrary to this act, and be therof lawfully conuict, that then euery person so offendyng, the second tyme, shall for his seconde offence, forfeit. xx. ℔. of lawfull money of Englande, and also suffre emprisonment, by the space of. xx. daies, and durynge the tyme of his, or her saied emprisonment, to abstein from eatyng of any maner of flesshe, and so like pein and emprisonment, as often as he or she afterward shall offende.

AND furthermore, it is ordeigned and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that Justices of Gaole deliuery, or Justices of Peace, in all and synguler Counties, cities, tounes corporate, and other places within this realme of England, and other the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to inquire, heare, and determyne, all and all maner offences, that shalbe committed or doen, contrary to this acte, in

like maner and forme, as thei maie inquire, heare, & determine any tres-pas or other offence, against the kynges peace, committed or doen, with-in the limites or place, where thei then shalbe Justices of Goale deliuer-y, or Justices of Peace: And the moytie of euery suche forfeiture, shalbe to our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and successors, and shalbe extreated into the Courte of therchequer, in like maner and forme, as fi-nes for any trespas, or other offence, cómitted against the kynges peace, ought or should be extreated: And the other moytie of thesaid forfeiture, shalbe to hym that will sue for thesame, by bill, plaint, informacion, or otherwise, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, in whiche no essoyne protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted, by thau-thoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thyng therin conteined, shal not in anywise extend, to any persone or persones, that heretofore hath, or here-after shall haue obteined, any licence of our souereigne lorde the kyng, his heires or successors, nor to any person beyng in great age, and in de-bilitie, and weakenes thereby, nor to any persone beyng sicke, or notably hurt, without fraude or coun, duryng the tyme of his or her saied sicke-nes, nor to any womá beyng with child, or lyyng in child bed, for eatyng of suche one kynd of flesh, as she shall haue greate lust vnto, nor to any person beyng in prison, for any other offéce, then for any offence, cótrary to this act, neither to any that is, or herafter shalbe the kynges highnes lieutenaunt, deputie, Capitain of any his maiesties armie, Hold, or For-tresse, but thesame, themselues maie eate Flesh, and licence and permit their souldiours, to do thesame in tymes prohibited, vpon the want and lacke of other kynde of vitaill, neither shall extende to sainct Laurence euen, sainct Markes daie, or any other daie or euen, beyng abrogat. nei-ther to any suche, as heretofore haue obteined any licence, in due forme of the Archebishop of Cantorbury.

AND further be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that al Arch-bishoppes, Bishoppes, Archdeacons, and their officers, or the officers of any of them, shall haue power to inquire, of the offendors, in the pre-misses, and present thesame to suche from tyme to tyme, as by vertue of this act, haue aucthoritie to heare, and determyne thesame.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it enacted, that no maner of per-sone or persones, be empeched, molested or troubled, or shall incurre any pein, penaltie, or forfeiture, for any offence contrary to the act, before re-hersed, committed or doen, except he or thei be accused, conuented or In-dicted, of, and for thesaid offence, according to the tenor of this statute, within .vi. monethes, next after the committyng of thesaied offence.

The .xx. Chapiter.

An act, for the qualifiyng of the statute, of Recusantes.

Where

Where in the Parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Westminster, the iii daie of Nouēbre, in the .xxvi. yere of the reigne of the moste excellent prince, king Henry the eight, father to our souereigne lorde the kynges maiestie, that now is, emongest other thynges, concernyng the paiment of one annuall pensiō of the .x. part of all possessions of the churche, spirituall and temporall, graunted to the kynges highnes and his heires, it was enacted, ordeined, and established, that euery Ecclesiasticall persone, and other, hauyng any Ecclesiasticall promociō or dignitie, specified in thesaid act, whiche did not duely paie, thesaid .x. part, and by reason therof, were certified by the Archebishop, Bishop, or other aucthorised in thesaied act, should vpon suche certificat made, accordyng to the tenor of thesaid act, be iudged depriued *ipso facto*, of al such dignities, and promocions spirituall, that any suche Incūbent, makyng suche default, had, at the tyme of suche certificat made, or at any time after, as by thesaid act, more plainly maie appere: Forasmuche, as the pein limited in thesaid statute, in suche forme and maner, as in thesame is expressed, is very sore and daungerous, vnto all the kynges faithfull, and obediēt subiectes of the Clergie, wherof diuerse, sithe the makyng of the saied statute, intendyng none otherwise, then moste willyngly, and with good hart, that paiment should be made, of thesaied tenthes by thē due, without fraude or delaie, to suche officers, & at suche tyme, as by thesaid statute is appoyncted, & declared, by the default and negligence, of their Fermors, and other whom thei haue trusted, to make paiment thereof, and by diuerse other sinister meanes, beyng certified, or makyng default of paiment, haue incurred the pein, and daunger of thesaid statute, with the losse and depriuacions, of all the spirituall promocions, whereof thei were then Incumbentes, beyng also made vnhable, to take any other, to the vtter vndoyng of suche persones, and the like perill and daunger, of many other the kynges moste humble, and faithful subiectes of the clergie, against whom, the like thynges maie be practised, and attēpted hereafter: for the moderacion of whiche pein, and to thende that the kynges maiestie, our souereigne lorde, that now is, and his heires and successors maie bee truely answered, and satisfied of thesaied yerely Pencion, or Annuall Rente, of the tenthe parte, vnited and knitte to his Imperiall Croune, in maner and fourme as in thesaied Acte is conteigned: The kynges saied faithfull, and moste obedient Subiectes, the Clergie of this realme, do moste humbly beseche his maiestie, that it maie bee enacted and established, by his highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame: That if any some, of thesaied Annuall Pension, beyng once due and demaūded, accordyng to the maner and forme specified in thesaied acte, bee not truly contented and paied, vnto suche

Archebishop,or Bishop,or their ministers and officers,or to suche other persone or persones, or their ministers, or seruauntes,as shall haue the charge and Collection thereof,euery yere yerely, at the tyme of thesaied acte expressed,and thereupon certificat made,into the kynges maiesties Court of first Fruites and Tenthes,in writyng vnder the seales of any Archebishoppe,or Bishop, or of suche as bee limited,and charged to the Collection of thesaied Pencion,by thesaied former acte: then euery Incumbent,so makyng default and certefied, shalbee iudged, depriued *ipso facto* of that onely dignitie, benefice, or other Ecclesiasticall promocion, by what name so euer it be called, whereof suche certificat shalbe made, So that suche dignitie,benefice,or other Ecclesiasticall promotiō,whereof any Incumbent,makyng suche default of paiment,shalbe adiudged, depriued,as is before saied,shalbe clerely voyde,destitute of Incumbēt in the lawe,to all intentes and purposes, as if suche Incumbente, makyng suche defaulte of paiment, were dedde in deede: And that no Incumbent,makyng suche default of paiment, shalbe therefore made vnhable,to take or enioye, any other benefice or promocion Spirituall,or incurre any penaltie,forfeiture or losse,to be paied by theim,their executors or assignes,for thesame default,other then in this presēt act, is here before expressed, any thyng in thesaied former acte,or any other statutes or actes conteigned,to the contrary notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaie,that thesaied former acte, concernyng the paiment of thesaied yerely Rent and Pencion,amountyng to the tenthe part of euery suche dignitie,benefice,or promocion spirituall,and euery other act,touchyng thesame, & all articles,clauses,and sentences in thē or any of theim,mencioned,expressed,or conteigned,now beyng in his or their force and effect,other then suche,as by this present acte, bee alredy qualefied or moderated, shall stande and abide, in all his or their full strength,effect and vertue.any thyng in this present act conteigned notwithstandyng.

❧The.xxi.Chapiter.

❧An act, to take awaie all positiue Lawes, made against the mariage of Priestes.

ALthough it were not onely better, for the estimacion of Priestes, and other Ministers in the Churche of god,to liue chast,sole,and seperate from the compagnie of women, and the bonde of Mariage, but also thereby,thei might the better intende, to the administracion of the Gospell, and bee lesse entricated and troubled,with the charge of household,beyng fre and vnburdened, from the care and cost of kindyng wife and

and childzen: And that it were moſte to bee wiſhed, that thei would wil-lyngly, and of their ſelfes, endeuoz themſelf, to a perpetuall chaſtitie and abſtinence, from the vſe of women: yet forasmuche, as the contrary hath rather been ſeen, and ſuche vnclennes of liuyng, and other greate inconueniences, not mete to bee reherſed, haue followed of compelled Chaſtitie and of ſuche Lawes, as haue prohibited thoſe ſuche perſones, the Godly vſe of Mariage: It were better, and rather to bee ſuffered, in the Common wealthe, that thoſe, whiche could not conteigne, ſhould after the counſaill of Scripture, liue in holy Mariage, then ſeinedly abuſe with wozſe enozmitie, outward Chaſtitie, oz ſyngle life: Bee it therefoze enacted, by our ſouereigne Lozde the kyng, with the aſſent of the lozdes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthozitie of theſame, that all and euery Lawe, and Lawes Poſitiue, Cannons, Conſtitucions, and Ozdinaunces, heretofoze made, by thaucthozitie of manne onely, whiche doth prohibite, oz forbid Mariage, to any Eccleſiaſticall, oz Spirituall perſone oz perſones, of what eſtate, condicion, oz degree thei be, oz by what name oz names, ſoeuer thei bee called, whiche by Goddes Lawe, maie Lawefully Mary, in all and euery article, braunche, and ſentence, concernyng onely the prohibicion, foz the Mariage of the perſones afozeſaied, ſhalbee vtterly voyde, and of none effect. And that all maner of forfeitures, Peines, Penalties, Crimes, oz Accions, whiche were in theſaied Lawes conteigned, and of theſame did folowe, concernyng the prohibicion foz the Mariage of the perſones afozeſaied, bee clerely, and vtterly, voyde, fruſtrate, and of none effecte, to all intentes, conſtruccions, and purpoſes, aſwell concernyng Mariages, herttofoze made, by any of the Eccleſiaſticall oz Spirituall perſones, afozeſaied, as alſo ſuche whiche hereafter ſhalbee duely and lawfully had, celebrate, and made, betwixte the perſones, whiche by the Lawes of God, maie lawfully mary.

PROVIDED alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the aucthozitie afozeſaied, that this Acte, oz any thyng therein conteigned, ſhall not extende, to geue any libertie to any perſone, to Marie without Aſkyng in the Churche, oz without any Ceremonie, beeyng appoynted, by the Ozdre preſcribed and ſette furthe, in the Booke entitled, The Boke of Common Prayer, and the Adminiſtracion of the Sacramentes, &c. any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary, in anywiſe, notwithſtandyng.

PROVIDED alſo, and bee it enacted, by the aucthozitie afozeſaied, that this Acte, oz any thyng therein conteigned, ſhall not extende, to alter, chaunge, Reuoke, Repell, oz otherwyſe to diſanull, any Decree, Judgement, Sentence, oz Deuozee, heretofoze had, oz made: But that all and euery ſuche Decree, Judgement, Sentence, and Deuozee, ſhall remaigne, and bee, of ſuche like fozce, effecte, ſtrength, and degree, to all intentes, conſtruccions, and purpoſes,

as thei were in before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had ne made: this act or any thyng therin conteigned to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng.

The.xxii. Chapiter.

An act, for the colouryng of Customes, in other mennes names.

WHere at the Parliament, holden at Westminster, in the firste yere of the reigne, of the noble kyng of famous memorie, Henry the eight, it was ordeigned, established, and enacted, by the auctoritie of the saied Parliament, that it should be lefull frō thence furthe, that euery Englisheman, and all other the kynges subiectes, might in euery Porte or Hauen, within this realme of England, Ireland and Wales, and the Marches of the same, and in the Toune of Berwicke, where it should happen, any Merchaundise to arriue, or to bee charged and carted out, to Custome in his name, all maner of goodes, and merchaūdise, of another Englisheman, or the kynges subiecte. And in like forme euery Merchaunt Straungier, to Custome in his name, any goodes or Merchaundise, of any other Merchaunt Straungier, so that the saied Merchaunt Straungier, that Customes the goodes, of another Merchaunt Straungier, and the very owner or Proprietarie, of the goodes so Customed, bee charged with like Custome, Subsidie, and other thynges, so that the kynges grace, were not defrauded of his right. And if any Merchaunt Straungier, or Denison, or any other the kynges subiect, Custome any goodes or Merchaundise, or any other Straungier or Denison, or of any other the kynges Subiecte, whereby the kynges grace, should lose his Custome, subsidie, or other his right or dutie, that then the saied Merchaunt Straungier or Denison, or any other the kynges subiect, that so taketh vpon hym or them to do, should forfeit to the kyng, the goodes or Merchaundise so Customed, and ouer that to forfeite to the partie or parties in that behalf greued, as muche money, as the goodes or Merchaundise, of the Merchaunt Straūgier, Denison, or other the kynges subiecte, so cautelously Customed, amounted vnto. And that no citizen of Londō, or other the kynges subiectes, inhabityng in the cinque Portes, or any other beyng free or Priuilage, or Butlarage, of Wynes, by Graunt, Custome, or otherwise, should Custome no Wines, of any persone or persones, not beyng free of any Priuilage, or Butlarage. And if any persone, free of the laid Priuilage, or Butlarage so did, that then the saied persone or persones, that so did, should forfeite to the kyng the double value of the Priuilage, of the said Wynes so Customed. And further, that it should be lawful to any person or persons, greued, contrary to the saied act, to haue an action of debt, again any persone or

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persones, that so customed the goodes, or Merchaundises in his name, and not in the owners name, of the some of the value, of thesaied Merchaundise, so customed and forfeited: In the whiche accion, none essoyn nor protection should lye, nor the defendaunt to wage his lawe, as by thesaied former act, more at large doth appere. Withens the makyng of whiche acte, diuerse persones, aswell straungiers, and Denisons, as the kynges subiectes, forgettyng their bounden duties to the kynges highnes, and nothyng featyng the penalties, and forfeitures, mencioned in thesaied former act: doo daily deceiue the kyng, aswell in his customes, and subsedies, by paiment of customes and Subsedies, in the names of suche persones, other then suche as be the very owners, or proprietaries of the goodes, wares, and Merchaundise, of the prisage and Butlarage of Wines due to the kyng: wherefore, be it ordeined and enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the Lordes, spirituall and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that if any straungier borne, Denison or not Denison, or any the kynges subiectes, doo at any tyme, from, or after the last date of Marche next commyng, any thyng or act, contrary to the true meanyng, tenor, and purporte, of thesame former act and statute, that then he and they so offendyng, shall lose and forfeit, all his and their owne goodes, and cattalles, personalles for euer: The moytie of whiche forfeiture, shalbe to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym or they that will sue for thesame, by bill, plaint, accion of debte, or informacion, in whiche bill, plainte, accion, or informacion, no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaie, & be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aboue saiid that euery suche bill, plaint, accion or informacion, shalbe had and pursued, within .iii. yeres next ensuyng, any suche offence committed or doen or els the offendor to bee clerely free, and discharged therof, any lawe or statute, to the contrary had or made, notwithstandyng.

The .xxiii. Chapiter.

An act, for the repeale of a statute, touchyng precontractes.

WHereas in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry theight, because that many inconueniences, had chaunced in this realme, by breakyng and dissoluyng, of good and lawfull marriages: yea, whereupon also, sometyme issue and childre had folowed, vnder the colour and pretence, of a former contract, made with another, the whiche contract, diuerse tymes was but very slenderly proued, and often, but surmised by the malice of the partie, who desired to be dissolued, from the mariage whiche they liked not, and to be coupled with another: there was an acte made

made, that all and euery suche mariages, as within the Churche of Englande, should be contracted and solempnized, in the face of the churche, and consūmate with bodily knowlege, or fruite of children or childe, beyng had betwene the parties so maried, should be, by aucthoritie of thesaied Parliamēt, demed, iudged, and taken, to be lawfull, good, iust, and indissoluble, notwithstandyng any precontract, or precontractes of matrimony, not consūmate with bodily knowlege, whiche either of the persones so maried, or bothe had made, with any other persone or persones, before the tyme of contractyng that mariage whiche is solempnized or consūmated, or whereof suche fruite is ensued, or maie ensue, as by thesame act, more plainly maie appere: With the tyme of the whiche act, although thesame was godly meant, the vnrulines of men, hath vngodly abused thesame, and diuerse inconueniences (intollerable in maner, to christian eares and iyes) folowed therupon, women and men, breakyng their awne promises and faithes made by the one vnto thother, so set vpon sensualitie and pleasure, that if after the cōtract of Matrimony, thei might haue, whom, thei more fauoured and desired, thei could bee contented, by lightnes of their nature, to ouerturne all that thei had doen afore, and not afeard in maner, euen frō the very Churche doore, and mariage feast, the man to take another spouse, and the espouse to take another husband, more for bodily lust, and carnall knowlege, then for suretie of faithe and truth, or hauyng God in their good remembraunce, cōtempnyng many tymes also, the commaundement of the Ecclesiasticall Judge, forbiddyng the parties hauyng made the contract, to attempt or do any thyng in preiudice of thesame: We it therfore enacted, by the kynges highnes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that as concernyng precontractes, thesaied former estatute, shall from the first daie of Maie next cōmyng, ceasse, be repeled, and of no force or effect, and be reduced, to the state and ordre, of the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme, whiche immediatly before the makyng of thesaied estatute, in this case were vsed in this realme: so that from thesaied first daie of Maie, when any cause or contracte of mariage, is pretended to haue been made, it shalbe lawfull to the kynges Ecclesiasticall Judge, of that place, to heare, and examine thesaied cause: And (hauyng thesaied contract sufficiently, and lawfully proued before him) to geue sentence for Matrimony, commaundyng solempnizacion, cohabitacion, consummacion, and tractacion, as it becommeth manne and wife to haue, with inflictyng all suche peines, vpon the disobedientes and disturbers thereof, as in tymes paste, before thesaied statute, the kynges Ecclesiasticall Judge, by the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes, ought, and might haue dooen, it thesaied statute had neuer been made, any clause, article, or sentence in thesaid statute, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that this act do not extende

tend to disanull, dissolue, or breake, any mariage, that hath or shalbe, so lempnizated and consummated. before thesaied first daye of Maie, nexte ensuyng, by title or colour of any precontract, but that thei bee, and bee demed, of like force and effecte, to all intentes, construccions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had, ne made. any thyng in this present act notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED also, that this act, do not extende to make good any of the other causes, to the dissolucion or disanullyng of Matrimony whiche be in thesaied act spoken of, and disanulled: But that in all other causes, and other thynges there mencioned, thesaied former acte, of the xxxii. yere of the late kyng, of famous memory, doo stand and remain, in his full strength and power, any thyng in this act notwithstandyng.

The.xxiiii.Chapiter.

An act, for the triall of murders and Felonies, committed in seuerall Counties.

FOrasmuche, as the moste necessarie office and dutie of lawe, is, to preserue and saue the life of manne, and condignly to punishe suche persones, that vnlawfully and wilfully, murdre, sley, or destroye men: and also that another office, and dutie of lawe, is, to punish robbers and theues, whiche daily endeuor theim selfes, to robbe and steale, or geue assistãce to thesame, & yet by craft and cautele, to escape from thesame, without punishement. And where it often happeneth, and commeth in vre, in sondery counties of this realme, that a man is feloniously striken, in one Countie, and after dieth in another Countie, in whiche case it hath not been founden, by the lawes or customes of this realme, that any sufficiẽt Indictment therof can be taken, in any of thesaid two counties, for that by the custome of this realme, the Juriors of the Countie, where suche partie died of suche stroke, can take no knowlege of thesaied stroke, beyng in a forrein Countie, although thesame.ii.Counties and places, adioyne very nere together: Ne the Juriors of the Coũtie, where the stroke was geuen, cannot take knowlege of the death in another Countie, although suche death, moste apparantly come of thesame stroke: So that the kynges Maiestie, within his awne realme, cannot by any lawes yet made or knowen, punishe suche murderers, or manquellers, for offences in this forme committed and doen, nor any appele at some tyme maie lie for thesame, but doth also faile, and thesaid murderers and manquellers escape thereof, without punishement, as well in cases, where the counties where suche offences bee committed and doen maie ioyne, as otherwise, where thei maie not ioyne. And also, it is a common practise, emongest errant Theues and Robbers in this Realme, that after thei haue Robbed or stollen in one Countie, thei will conueigh their spoyle, or parte thereof so robbed and stollen, vnto some of their adherentes, into some other

other Countie, where the principall offence was not committed ne doen, who knowyng of suche Felony, willyngly and by false couyn, receiueth thesame: In whiche case, although the principall Felone, bee after attainted in the one Countie, the accessary escapeth by reason that he was accessary in an other Countie, and that the Iuriours of thesaied other Countie, by any lawe yet made, can take no knowlege of the principall Felony, ne attainder in the first Countie, and so suche accessaries escape thereof vnpunished, and doo often put in vre thesame, knowyng that thei maie escape, without punishement. For redresse and punishement of whiche offences, and safegarde of mannes life: Bee it enacted, by auctholitie of this present Parliament, that where any persone or persones, hereafter shalbe feloniously striken, or poysoned in one countie, and die of thesame stroke, or poisonyng, in another countie, that then an Indictment thereof founden, by Iuriors of the Countie, where the death shall happen, whether it shalbe founden before the Crouner, vpon the sight of suche ded body, or before the Justices of Peace, or other Justices, or Commissioners, whiche shall haue auctholitie, to inquire of suche offences, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as if the stroke or poysonyng, had been committed and doen in thesame Countie, where the partie shall dye, or where suche Indictment shalbee so founden, any lawe or vsage to the contrary notwithstandyng. And that the Justices of Gaole deliuery, and Oyer and *terminer*, in thesame Countie, where suche Indictment, at any tyme hereafter shalbe taken: And also the Justices of the kynges Benche, after suche Indictment shalbee remoued before thē, shall and maie proceede vpon thesame, in all poinctes, as thei should or ought to do, in case suche felonious stroke, and death therby ensuyng or poysonyng, and death thereof ensuyng, had growen all in one same countie. And that suche partie, to whom, appele of murdre, shalbe geuen by the lawe, maie commense, take, and sue appele of murdre, in thesame countie, where the partie so feloniously striken, or poysoned shall dye, as well against the principall and principalles, as against euery accessary to thesame offences, in whatsoeuer countie or place, the accessary or accessaries, shalbee gyltie to thesame. And further, the Justices before whō any suche appele shalbe commensed, sued and taken, within the yere and daie, after suche murdre & manslaughter, committed and doen, shall procede against all, and euery suche accessary and accessaries, in thesame countie, where suche appele shalbe so taken, in like maner and forme, as if thesame offence or offences, of accessary or accessaries, had been committed and doen, in thesame countie, where suche appele shalbe so taken aswell concernyng the triall, by the Iuriors or .xii. men, of suche Countie, where suche appele or appeles, shalbee hereafter taken, vpon the ple of not giltie, pleaded by suche offendor or offendors, as otherwise.

AND further, bee it enacted, by auctholitie aforesaied, that where any murdre or felony, hereafter shalbee committed and doen, in one coū-

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tie, and an other person or mo shalbe accessarie or accessaries in any maner of wyse to any suche murther or felonie in any other Countie, that then an Indictment founde, or taken agaynst such accessarie and accessaries, vpon the circumstaunce of such matter before the iustices of the peace, or other Justices or commissioners, to enquire of felonies in the countie where such offences of accessarie or accessaries in any maner of wise shal be committed or done, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, as if the said principal offence had ben cõmitted or done within the same countie wher the same Indictment against such accessarie shalbe found. And that the iustices of Gaole deliuery or Oyer and Terminer or .ii. of them, of, or in such countie where the offence of any such accessarie shalbe hereafter committed and done vpon suit to them made, shal write to the Custos Rotulorum, or keepers of the recordes where such principal shalbe hereafter attainted, or cõuicted, to certifie them whether such principal be attainted, conuicted or otherwise discharged of such principal felonie, who vpõ such writing, to them or any of thẽ directed, shal make sufficiẽt certificat in wrytyng vnder their seale or seales to the sayd Justices, whether such principal bee attainted, conuicted or otherwyse discharged, or not. And after that they so shall haue the custodie of suche Recordes, doo certyfie that suche principall is attaynted, conuicted, or otherwyse discharged of suche offence by the law: That then the Justices of Gaole deliuery or of Oyer and Terminer or other there aucthorised, shall procede vpon euery such accessarie in the countie where suche accessary or accessaries became accessarie, in suche maner and fourme, as yf both the sayd principal offence and accessarie had been committed and done in the sayd Countie where the offence of accessarie was or shalbe cõmitted or done. And that euery such accessarie and other offendors aboue expressed, shal aunswer vpon theyr arraynmentes, and receyue such tryall, Judgement, ordre, and execution, and suffre such forfaitures, paynes and penalties as is vsed in other cases of felonie, any law, or custome, to the contrary hertofore vsed in any wyse notwithstanding.

The.xxb.Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the keping of the Countie dayes.

WHere heretofore the moste parte in all Shieres and Counties wyth in thys Realme, the Countie Courte is and hath been vsually kept and holden from Moneth to Moneth, and so at euery moneths ende one Countie, yet albeit in some Countries (thoughe not many) the sayd Countie Courtes are holden from fyue weekes to fyue weekes, by force wherof the officers awarde out proces, aswel for the King, as proces of the peace out of the

kinges Benche, as also other cõmon proces betwixt partie and partie, and the Attorneis and Solicitors (who sew thesame) not knowyng the priuate custome of these perticuler Shieres whyche haue and vse their Counties to be holden euery sixe weekes, geue their proces like retorne, as in those Shieres whyche haue common custome to holde and kepe Countie Courtes euery moneth, wherby the kynges sutes be not only deferred, the playntefes and demaundantes delayed of theyr lawfull accion and demaundes, but also thesayd plaintefes and demaundantes therby put to double coste and charge, to the great ignominy and slaunder of the lawe, encoragyng of the offendours and transgressours, and to the continual impouerishing of all those who haue cause of sute: Inconsyderacion whereof, be it enacted by the King our soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that from and after the fyrst day of Octobre nexte ensuyng thys present Session of Parliament, no Countie Courte or Courtes, hereafter to bee kepte wythin thys Realme, shalbe longer deferred but one Moneth from Courte to Courte, and so thesayd Courtes from hencefoorth shalbe kept euery moneth, and none otherwyse: Any vsage, custome, statute, or lawe, heretofore had or made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that the Sheriffe of Northumberland from thencefoorth shall kepe the Countie Courte of that Shyre in the toune or Castell of Alnewyke and in none other place, any latter vse, latelie begon and brought in to the contrary notwythstandyng.

The.xxvi.Chapiter.

An acte agaynst the caryyng of whyte Asshes out of the Realme.

Considerynge that whyte Asshes made wythin the Realme and other the kynges Dominions and territories, are very necessarie and expedient for the makyng of Sope and Saltpeter, and for the whytyng of Lynnen clothe, Dyeng, and showryng of Woollen clothe, and for other nedefull thynges in the Realme, and that thesame Asshes nowe of late haue been commonlie conueyghed ouer the Seas, and thereby inhaunsed in price, and so skarse that the kynges louyng Subiectes cannot haue sufficient of thesame for any conuenient prices: Wherefore, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and of the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by

by the aucthoritie of thesame, that no person or persones, after the fyrst daye of Aprill next commyng, shall shyppe, lade, carye or conuaye, any whyte Asshes, towardes the parties beyonde the Seas, vpon payne of forfayture of. vi.s. viii.d. for euery Busshell of suche Asshes so to bee shypped or laded to be caryed or conuayed into the parties beyonde the Seas: The moytie of whyche forfayture, shalbe to the Kyng, and the other moitie to him or the that wyl sue for thesame, in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recorde, by action, byll, playnt, or informacion, in the which action, byll, playnt, or Informacion, no wager of Lawe, essoyne, or proteccion, shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ The.xxvii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte agaynst the false forgyng of Gaddes of steele.

Where dyuerse persones of late, haue deceiptfully forged and made of certayne Yron called Bylbowe yron, lyke to the fashion and maner of Gaddes of Stele, and haue solde thesame so forged to dyuerse of the Kinges Subiectes for Stele, wherby the greatest parte of edged toles, weapons, and other necessary thynges hauyng edges, are of litle or no value or goodnes, to the great hurte of the Kynges louyng Subiectes: for reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the Kynges hyghnes by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and of the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that yf any person after the fyrst daie of Maye nexte commyng, doo forge, or make, any suche Gaddes of Yron, or doo vtter or put to sale any suche Gaddes of any yron, shall forfayte for euery Gadde so forged or vttered or put to sale.iiii.d. the moytie of whyche forfayture, shalbe to the Kynge, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll sue for thesame, in any of the Kinges Courtes of recorde, by accion, byll, playnt, or informacon, in the whyche accion, byll, playnt, or informacion, no wager of lawe, proteccion or essoyne, shalbee allowed or admitted.

¶ The.xxviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for Fines wyth Proclamacions in the Countie Palentine of Chester.

IN humble wyse, sheweng vnto your excellent maiestie, your true and faythfull Subiectes and lyege men, the inhabitauntes of your graces Countie Palentine of Chester: That whereas heretofore by aucthoritie of Parliament, diuerse necessarie and beneficiall estatutes haue ben made for and concernyng the leuiyng of Fines wyth Proclamacion, whyche are not onely necessarie for the preseruacion of quietnes and concorde amongest your louyng Subiectes, and for the aduoydyng of stryfe and contencion, but also for great and perfecte assuraunce of all such persones, to whom any suche fyne is leuyed of any landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whychsaid beneficial & necessarie estatutes, do not extende to any Fynes to be leuyed wythin youre sayed Countie Palentine of Chester: In tender consyderacion wherof, pleaseth it your moste excellent maiestie that it maye bee enacted by your hyghnes and the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all and synguler Fynes whyche at any tyme hereafter shalbe leuyed or knowleged before the hyghe Justice of ourt soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, or of his heyres or Successours of hys Countie Palentine of Chester for the tyme beyng, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt, iustice there for the tyme beyng of any landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes, liyng or beyng wythin thesayd Countie Palentine of Chester, whyche shalbe openly redde and proclaymed three seuerall dayes in the open Cessions, in the presens of the Justice of thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester for the tyme beyng, or before the Deputie or Lieuetenaūt Justice there at thesame Cessions that thesame Fyne shall fortune to be engrossed: And also that shalbe openly redde and proclaimed in the presence of the Justice of thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt Justice there for the tyme beyng at the two next generall Cessions that shalbe holden in thesayed Countie Palentine of Chester before the Justice of thesame Countie Palentine, or before the Deputie or Liuetenaunt Justice there, next after the leuiyng and engrossyng of suche sayed Fyne at thre seuerall dayes in eyther of thesaid two Cessions, after such maner and fourme as is commenly vsed in the Kynges Court of Commen pleys at Westminster, shalbe of lyke force, strength, and effect, in the law, to all ententes, construccions, and purposes: as Fynes beyng duely leuyed wyth proclamacions before the Kinges Justices of hys comen playes be or ought to bee of.

¶ The xxix. Chapiter.

An Acte agaynst Sodomy.

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For asmuche as there is not at thys presente tyme any sufficient and condigne punishement appoynted by due course of the lawes of thys Realme, for the detestable syne of Buggorie: Be it therfore enacted by the assente of the Kynges hyghnes, the Lordes Spirituall and temporal and the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled, that all and euerie offendour or offendours in that cryme, after the fyrst daye of Aprill nexte ensuyng, beyng therof conuicted, or attaynted by verdicte, confession, outlarye, or otherwise, shal suffer such paynes of death, without losse of goods or landes, or any other cõmodite, his only life excepted, as felons cõuicted or attainted of Felonie ben accustomed to do, touching thesayed paynes of deathe, by the Common lawes of thys Realme: And that no suche person shall enioye the priuiclege or benefyte of hys or theyr Clergie or Sanctuary: And that the Justices of Peace shall haue full power and auctoritie, wythin the lymytes of theyr Commission, and Jurisdictions, to here and determine thesayd offence, touchyng thesayd paynes of death, as they doo, and haue vsed to doo in cases of Felonie: Sauyng to the wyfe and chyldren, the heyres and successours, & administratours of thesayd offendour or offendours, and all other persones, and bodyes politique, other then thesayed offendour or offendours, al such right, tytle, clayme, and interest, to al & euery thesayd offendour, or offendours, goodes, landes, and hereditamentes, as they, or any of thẽ myght haue, or ought to haue had, yf thesaid offendor or offendors had died his or theyr natural death, or had neyther in this case, neyther by any other meane offended any of the Kynges lawes.

PROVIDED that no maner of person bee empeched or molested for thesayed offence by reason of thys presente Acte, extepte the sayed person bee endicted of thesayed offence wythin syxe Monethes nexte and immediatlie folowyng the tyme of commyttyng of thesame. And that no person bee receyued for wytnes, or to saye or geue euidence agaynst thesayed offendour, as vpon whose credite the enquest shoulde enfourme them selfe, whyche person shoulde take any profite or commoditie by the deathe of thesayed offendour, yf he were attaynted or conuicted of thesayd cryme and offence: Nor that any suche attayndour shall make any corruption of bloude to the heyre or heyres of of suche offendour or offendours.

The.xxx. Chapiter.

An act for the townes of Rie and Winchelsey and for the casting of Ballast in to the Camber.

Forasmuche as the inhabitantes of the townes, and portes of Rye, and Winchelsey in the cõtie of Sussex, haue truly enfourmed the Kinges moste honorable counsail, that the Harborow and Rode, called the Camber, being nere to the

saied townes of Rye, and Winchelsey (lying ouer against the coastes of Diepe in Fraunce) in times past hath ben a harbozowgh, able to receiue two hundzeth oz foure hundzeth saple of ships, aswel in times of warre, as in times of peace. And beyng there, myght not onely yssue oute therof at all tymes to encounter theire enemyes, but also in tymes of stozmy wyndes, myght haue had rescue and good Harbozowe in thesame to the great sauegarde of the Kynges shippes & Marchauntes passing to, and fro, vpon the narrow Seas: Yet now of late, not onely the sayed harbozow, and Rode, called the Camber, but also all the Inne Creekes, nere vnto Rye, and Wynchelsey akozesayed, partely by occasyon of casting of Ballast into thesame Harbozow and Creekes, and partely because diuerse Perssones Inned, take in no water to skower the channel, but let out theyr fresshe water at guttes, so that at thys present the channel there, is so choked, swared, and fylled vp, that there cannot lye in the same Harbozow, aboue .xxx. oz .xl. saile of shyps, & yet thesame shyps cannot come into thesame harbozow without great daūger: Therefoze it is enacted, & ozdeined by the Kyng oure souereigne Lozd, the Lozdes spiritual and tempozal, and the cōmons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho3itie of thesame, that the Maiours and Jurates of Rye, and Wynchelsey, nowe beyng, before the .xx. daye of Apryll nexte commyng, shall appoynte conuenient places, to laye on all Ballast, that shalbee caste oute of any Hoye, Shyppe, Crayer, Bote, oz other vessel, whych after the fyrst day of May next comming, shall come into, oz wythin thesayed Harbozow, oz Rode, to the entent to receyue oz take in to it, any freyght oz ladyng in those parties. And that all maner of Ballast that shalbe had oz caste out of any Hoye, shyp, Crayer, Bote, oz other vessell, after the sayed fyrst daye of May, shal by the persones beyng in euery Hoye, Shyppe, Crayer, Bote, oz other vessell, be layed vpon suche places, as thesayed Maiours, and Jurates, oz the moze numbze of them shal appoynte and assygne, and at no other place, vpon payne of forfayture of fourty shyllynges of lawfull money of England foz the fyrst parte, oz portion of Ballast, so cast ouer, and .xl. s. foz euery tonne of Ballast, respdue, beyng cast out of any Hoye, Shyp, Crayer, Bote, oz other vessell, contrary to the fourme akozesayed: The one halfe of euery some so forfayted, to bee to the Kyng oure souereigne Lozde, hys heyres and Successours, and the other halfe, to bee to hym that wyll sue foz thesame, in any Courte of Recozde in this Realme, in which accion, oz sute no essoyne, protection, oz wager of law, shalbee admytted oz allowed. And it is further enacted and ozdeyned by the auctho3itie a forsayd, that the Maiour, and Jurates of Rye, foz the tyme beyng, and the Maiour and Jurates of Wynchelsey foz the tyme beyng, and euery of them, shall seuerally haue full power and auctho3itie to holde plee, and to here and determine all and synguler Accions, sewtes, and complaintes

complaynctes, in any wyse concernyng any Acte or offence done, or commytted, at any tyme hereafter contrarie to the fourme of thys present acte, and to make execution vpon euery Judgement geuen in any of thesayed actions, and sutes, aswell vpon the Sea as vpon the lande, as by their discretion shalbe thought conuenient.

The. xxxi. Chapiter.

An acte for the citie of Chester touchyng the takyng of recognisaunces.

IN theyr moste humble wyse shewen vnto youre hyghnes, your true, faythfull and obedient Subiectes the Maiour, Aldermen, Shyriues, and Commonaltie of your graces citie of Chester, that where before thys tyme the Maiours of the sayed Cytie of Chester, were appoynted and authorised, to take and receiue before thesayed Maiours, Recognisaunces, according to the Statutes Marchaũt, and of Acton Burnell, whereupon were delyuered vnto the sayed Maiour, by the kynges maiesties progenitours, that then were, a speciall seale concernyng thesame: By force whereof the Maiours and other officers there appoynted, tyme oute of mynde, haue contynually vsed, and practysed to take Recognisaunces before them of Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnell, and enrolled thesame, whyche euer hyther to was allowed, permitted and taken to bee good, and effectuall in the lawe, vntyll nowe of late, that ambiguitie and doubte hath ryssen, by the meanes of certayne synister persones, more for the defraudyng of of ryght, equitie, and iustice, then vpon any good ground or matter, for theyr priuate commoditie, because that in all poyntes it dothe not fully folowe and agree, according to all the strayte wordes of thesayed Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnell, aswell to the great hurte and slaunder of thesayed Cytie, as also to the decaye of the marchauntes whyche haue and shall lende theyr ipuynges, Wares, and money, and great boldnes of the boldnes of the creditours and dettours, to detaine thesame in theyr handes, to the great decay of thesayd Citie: wherfore for the inconuenience therof, and also for the auoyding of thesayd ambiguitie & doubte, it may please your hyghnes that it may be by your grace with the assent of the Lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in thys present Parliament assembled, ordeined, establyshed and enacted, by authoritie of thesame, that all and euery suche recognisaunce of Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnell, whych after the first daye of Maye nexte comming, shalbee taken, knowleged, enrolled had and sealed, wyth the sayed seale, appoynted to thesayed Cytie of

Chester

Chester before the Maiour of the same Citie, for the tyme beyng, in lyke manner, as heretofore the predecessours, Maiours, and other officers in the sayed Citie haue accustomed to take and entolle and seale, shalbe as good, effectual and of force in the lawe to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the takyng of suche recognisaunce dyd fully agree, and accorde to all ententes and purposes, wyth the strayte woordes of the sayd Statutes of Acton Burnell, and the Statute Marchaunt. And that vpon all certificates of the sayed Maiours hereafter like proces and executions, to bee awarded and directed out of the hygh Courtes of Chauncery and common place to all Shiriffes, Maiours, Bailifes, or other officers in England and Wales, in as ample maner and fourme as is vsed els where wythin thys Realme for any Recognisaunce taken vpon any of the Statutes aforesayed, any lawe, Statute, libertie, Fraunchise or vsage had or vsed to the contrarie notwythstandyng.

¶ The.xxxii.Chapiter.

¶ An act for the continuaunce of certaine Statutes.

WHere in the Parliament begon, and holden at Westminster the.xxvi. yere of the reigne of our late moste dreade soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, and there by dyuerse prorogacions contynued vntyll the xxiiii.day of July in the.xxxii.yere of the reigne of the sayed late kyng Henry the eyght, there was one acte made and stablished, for and concernyng the reformacion of myspleadyng, Icotaries, and attorneys, whyche sayd acte wyth the Prouiso, were made to endure vntyll the laste daye of the next Parliament. And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster in the.xxxv. yere of the reygne of our sayed late moste dreade soueraigne Lorde, one acte was made, that for none apparaunce in Juries to haue De cir. constitutus. And in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the.xxxvii. yere of the reigne of oure sayed late moste dreade soueraygne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, the sayed Actes and eyther of them were contynued vntyl the ende of the nexte Parliament: Be it enacted and stablished by the kyng oure soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes Spirituall & Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the actes aforesayd, and eyther of them, and all clauses, articles and prouisions, in them & euery of them contened, shal continue and endure in theyr force and strength for euer.

¶ The.xxxiii.Chapiter.

¶ An act, that no man stealyng horse or horses shall enioye the benefite of his Clergie.

FOr asmuche as it is and hath been Ambiguous, and doubtful, vpon the wordes mencioned in eon act, of Parliament, made the first yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord the King, whether that any person beyng in due fourme of the lawes found giltie, or otherwise attainted, or cōuicted, for felonions stealing of one horse, gelding, or mare, ought to be admitted, to haue and enioye the priuelege, and benefite, of his Clergie, or Sanctuarie: Therfore it is, declared and enacted by the King our soueraigne Lorde, and the Lordes and Comons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame Parliament, that all and synguler persō, and persones, felonyously taking, or stelyng, any horse, gelding or mare, shal not be admitted to haue or enioye, the priuelege, or benefite of hys or theyr Clergie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from thesame, in lyke maner and fourme as though he or they had ben indicted or appeled for felonions stealing of two horses, two geldinges, or two mares of any other, and there vpō found gyltie by veredict of .xii. men, or cōfessed thesame vpon theyr araynement, or stande wylfully or of malice muet,

The .xxxiiii. Chapiter.

An act for the Shirief of Northumberland to be accomptable for his office as other Shirifes be.

FOr asmuche as the Shirifes of the countie of Northumberland which haue ben named now of long time passed, haue not accompted to the kinges maiestie of the issues, and profites of theyr Baylewyke, in the kinges hyghnes Exchequier, nor els where, as other Shirifes of thesayd countie in old tyme passed, haue done, nor as the Shirifes of other counties of thys Realme, doo at this time, but doo yerely receiue and take the hole profites thereof to theyr owne vses, to the great detriment and losse of the kyng our soueraygne Lorde, both of his vicoundels, and other fermes, answerable by the hādes of thesaid shirif, & of al other dettes, yssues, fynes, & amerciamētes win thesaid countie, & of al alienacions, & intrusiōs wardes, mariages, reliues & such other: Wherefore, be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, w the assent of the lordes spiritual, & tēporal, and the cōmons in this presēt parliamēt assēbled, & by the aucthoritie of thesame, that frō hencefurth, al & euery such person, & persons as shalbe hereafter named to be shrife of thesaid countie of Northūberland, furthwith, before he receiue his patent, & before he do exercise, any part of the said office, shal put in sufficiēt suerties, by himself, or by his sufficiēt deputie, or deputies, in to the kinges exchequer, there to entre in recognisauce, in such some & vpon such condiciōs, as to the lord treasorer & Barons of thesayd Exchequier shal seme conuenient, in maner & fourme as al other Shirifes of other Counties of thys Realme do, vpon payne of

euery suche Shirryfe makynge defaulte to forfayte to the Kynges maiestie an hundreth pounde to bee leuyed of hys Goodes, and Catteis, landes and Tenementes, whereseuer they maye be founde to the Kynges hyghnes vse. And that thesayed Barons from tyme to tyme shall cause suche processe to bee made for the kyng for the leuying of thesayd hundreth pounde, so to bee forfayted, to bee directed to suche persone and persones, and in suche nature and sorte, as to them shall seme best for the kyng for the leuying thereof, any thyng in thys Acte, or any other lawe, Statute, vse, prouison, or custome, to the contrarie notwythstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaye and be it enacted by thesayed auctoritie, that any suche Shyrrife, beyng so bounden as is aboue sayed, shall not bee accomptable, but for hys owne tyme, and for the yere of hys Shirryfwycke onely, neyther shalbe charged, in or vpon hys accompte, by any proces, wyth any arrerages, or ductes, due to the Kinges maiestie by any hys predecessours in thesayed office of Shirryfe, any thyng in thys acte, or any lawe, or vsage, or prerogatiue to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

The.xxxv.Chapiter.

An acte for the confirmacion of the Subsidie of the Clergie.

WHere the Prelates and the Clergie of the Prouince of Cantorbury, haue louyngly and liberallie for certayne consyderacions geuen and graunted to the Kynges maiestie a Subsidie of.vi.s. of the pounde to be taken, and leuyed, of al and synguler the Spirituall promocions, wythin thesame prouince, during the tearme of three yeres nowe nexte ensuyng, in suche certaine maner and fourme, and with dyuerse exceptions and prouisions specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made and delyuered to the Kynges hyghnes vnder the Seale of the Archebishoppe of Cantorburie, as in thesame instrumente exhibited in this present Parliament more playnlie it doth appeare: The Tenour whereof ensueth in these wordes.

THE Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Cantorbury, vpon certaine great and necessarie consyderacions among them purposed and debated, calling to remembraunce the moste gracious and noble disposicion of the Kinges maiestie their naturall and moste redoubted soueraigne Lorde, vnder whose happy & prudent regiment, they and al other his highnes Subiectes, euer from the beginnyng of his moste gracious reigne haue lyued in saueguarde, quietnes, and suretie of their bodyes and goodes, out of the daunger of mutasions, spoyles, depopulations

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and destruccions of any Forein enemyes, agaynst whose malice for the suertie and defence both of them and al other hys Subiectes, his maiestie hath not spared to employe inestimable somes of hys owne treasure and possessions by sondry occasions, & namely by reaso of the great and long warres which his grace hath iustly and most noblie maynteyned, and in parte victoriouslie achiued, both by lande and Sea agaynst the Scottes, rebelles to his highnes, and enemies of his moste noble reigne And consyderyng also that nexte vnto God they of thesayd Clergie bee most bounde to rendre to his maiestie their immortal and most humble thankes for many causes and benefytes, and chefelie for the speciall quietnes whyche they doo presentlie enioye in the myddes of thesayd moste cruell and deadlie Warres, hauyng no let nor impediment to applye them selues to serue God, and studie in suche wyse as to theyr vocations and duelties appertaineth. And further consyderyng that the mayntenaunce, furniture, expedicion and honorable perfourmaunce of thesayd Warres yet continuyng, and other hys graces weyghtie and noble affayres, for the publique weale of his Realmes, and Subiectes, necessarilie requireth great and inestimable charges and expences: The sayd Prelates and Clergie, therefore for a remembraunce and declaracion of theyr good wylles, thankefull myndes, and bounden duties to hys Highnes, wyth one voyce, and very hartie good wyll doo geue and graunt by these presents to hys Maiestie, towardes thesayed great charges and costes, one Subsedie in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to say, that euerie Archebishop, Bysshop, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarie, Provost, master of Colleges, master of Hospitals, Persō, Vicar, and euery other person, and persones, of whatsoeuer name, or degree, he or they bee, enioyng any Spirituall promocion or other temporall possessions to thesame Spirituall promocion annexed, nowe not deuided, nor seperat, by act of Parliament, or otherwise, from the possession of the Clergie, shal paye to the kynges highnes for euery pounde that he may yerely dispend by reason of thesayd Spiritual promocion, the some of .vi. shyllynges. And for the true and certayne knowlege of the yerely values of thesayed promocions, and euery of them, whereof the payment shalbe made, the rate, taxacion, and valuacion, and estimacion, remayning of recorde in the kynges maiesties Courte of the fyrst fruites and Tenthe for the paiment of the perpetual disme, concerning all suche promocions as bee in possession of the Clergie, or any other, not deuided by act of Parliament, or otherwyse (as is aforesayed) shalbe followed and obserued wythout any makyng, any valuation, Rate, Taxacion or estimacion, other then in thesayed recorde is comprised.

PROVIDED alwayes, that for asmuch as the tenth part of thesayd valuacion, & tare before mencioned, is yerely payed to the kinges highnes for the perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth only nyne partes

tes to the incumbent clere, thys Subsedie of.vi.s. the pounde, shalbe vnderstand only of thesame nyne partes, and of no moze.

PROVIDED alwaies that no person that is already pzomoted, to any Spiritual benefice sythen the first day of Octobze last paste befoze the date hereof, oz that hereafter shalbe pzomoted to any Spiritual benefice, on thys syde the fyrst daye of Octobze, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a thousand fyue hundzeth fyftye and one, shalbe cõtributozie oz charged, to the kynges hyghnes, wyth any parte of thys Subsedie, duryng the fyrst yere of hys sayd pzomocion.

THE sayd Pzelates and Clergie also do graunt, that this Subsedie of.vi s. of the pound of the yerely value of euery pzomocion taxed as afozesayd, shalbe payd to the kinges maiestie within thzee yeres next ensuyng the date hereof, that is to say.ii.s. of euery pounde in euery of the said thzee yeres. The first paymẽt thereof to be due and made at the first day of Octobze nert ensuing, which shalbe in the yere of our Lozd God a thousand fyue hundzeth.xlix. And the second payment thereof to bee dut and made on thesayed fyrst daye of Octobze then nexte folowyng, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a thousand fyue hundzeth and fyfty. And the thyzde payment thereof to bee due and made in thesayed fyrste daye of Octobze then nexte folowyng, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a thousand fyue hundzeth fyfty and one, and to bee delyuered and payed yerely by suche, as shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Treasozer of the kynges Courte of fyrste fruites and Tenthes, oz to any other person, whome it shall please the kynges maiestie to appoynte foz the Receipte thereof, befoze the feaste of the Natiuite of our Lozde in euery of the sayd thzee yeres,

ITEM thesayd Pzelates and Clergie also do graunt, that euery Pziest, and all other persones hauyng a pencion by reason of the dissolucion of any the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, Chanteries, Fraternities, Guyldes, and Hospitalles, oz any other cozpozaciõ wythin thesayed pzouince of Cantozbury, shall lykewyse paye to hys hyghnes syxe shyllynges of euery pounde of thesayed pencions, wythin thesayd thzee yeres, at such day and time as is befoze specified: and that foz the sure payment thereof, a deduction, and retencion, of thesayd.vi.s to be made in the handes of the payers of thesayd pencion, after the pzopozcion of.ii.s. of the pounde, euery of thesayd thzee yeres, to be delyuered and payed vnto hys maiesties vse, at such tyme and to suche persones, as the Subsedie of syxe shyllinges afozesayd shalbe payde vnto.

ITEM thesayd Pzelates and Clergie, do also graunt that euerie Priest receyuyng Annual stypend, beyng no perpetuite wythin thesayd pzouince, shall paye vnto his graces vse, vi. shillinges .viii.d. in euery of thesame thzee yeres, at thesame dayes, and vnder thesame penalties, as the rest of the Clergie do paye foz theyz pzomocions.

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Item thesame prelates & Clergy, further do graunt that euery Archebishop and bishop, and the sea beyng vacant, euery Deane and chapter of that sea voyde, shalbe Collectors of this subsidy within their proper Diocesse. And for the better recouery of thesayd collection, thesayd prelates & clergie, humbly beseche the kynges highnes, that they may haue full power and authoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to vse all suche wayes, meanes, and processes as be prescribed in the act of perpetual dismes for the collection and leuying of thesame, and shall make accompt therof before the Chauncelor, or Treasorer, or other officers of his graces court of the first Fruites and Tenthe, or in suche other places, as it shal please his highnes to appoint, in suche wise and after suche forme onely, as thesayd Archebishoppes and bishoppes be nowe charged for the Collection of the perpetual Disme, whereby is ment howe the lacke and default of payment, of and for any particuler promocion, shall onely charge the Incumbent, and suche as be bound to pay thesame, and that vpon suche paynes as be prouided in the acte of perpetual disme against them that do make default in that behalfe.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Incumbent, makyng suche default of payment, after certificat of suche default, duely made & exhibited, in the kynges Maiesties court of first Fruites & Tenthe, shal forfait and lose only that his benefice or promocion, for whiche he maketh default, & for thesame shal incurre no other forfaiture, losse, daūger, paine or penaltie, any other pain, clause, article, or cōdicion in thesayd statute of perpetual Disme contayned, to the cōtrary notwithstandyng. And that the Archebishop, Bishop, or Deane and chapter, gatheryng that they can receiue, & makyng payment thereof, shall for the rest not by them receiued be discharged by their certificat to be made by^ first day of January, in euery of thesame thre yeres, or within xxiiii. dayes after, into the court of first Fruites & Tenthe. And vi.d. of euery pound wherewith the Collectors shalbe charged in his accompt, clerely to be payed into thesayd receipt, or into suche other place, as it shall please the kynges Maiestie to appoint, shalbe allowed to thesame Collector, for his sayd accompt for the same, for the charges and collection, portage, conueying and paying of thesayd Subsidy.

Prouided alwayes that this Subsidy graunted by the Clergy shall not be demaunded, or leuied, out of any benefice, or College, scituate or set within the vniuersities of Oxford and Cambrygge, or of any benefice or other reuenues vnto any College of Oxford or Cambrygge vnited, appropried or appertainyng, or of the College of Eton nigh Windesor, or of the College of Wynchester founded by Wyllyā Wykeham, sometyme bishop of Wynchester, or of any other churche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to thesayd Colleges or to any of them annexed, appropried, or otherwise appertainyng.

Prouided alwayes that no spirituall promocion or any landes or re-

uenues annexed to theſame, beyng charged by this graunt or acte of the prouince of Cantorbury, or any goodes or cattalles, growyng, beyng or remayning of theſame, and pertaynyng to the owners of theſayd ſpiritual promocion, ſhalbe charged or made contributory to any fiftene, or other Subſedy, alredy graunted to the kinges highnes of the lay fee, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of theſayd thre yeres.

Item theſayd prelates and Clergy further graunt, that euery of his graces new erected Biſhops, deanes, Archedeacons, Petycanons, & preachers, ſhalbe charged to this Subſedy for their owne porcions onely, therof to pape vi.s. of the pound within theſayd thre yeres as is aboue reherſed, of other biſhoppes, and ſpiritual perſones, and theſe porcions of rentes and reuenues whiche his highnes hath geuen vnto theim for the maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemaſters, Vſhers, Gramarians, queriſters, and other officers and miniſters, not to be charged with any part of this ſubſedy.

Prouided alſo, that euery Parſon, Vicar, or other ſpiritual mã, paying any pencion wherof none allowaunce is made in the valuacion of his ſayd benefice, ſhal & may retaine vi.s. of euery pounde, of euery ſuche pencion, euery yere, duryng theſayd thre yeres to his owne relief, in conſideracion that he is charged to pay his ſubſedy of vi.s. of the pound out of euery pound of the whole value of his promocion.

Prouided alſo, that where certaine lãdes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, porcions, fruites, and other hereditamẽtes, lately belõgyng to diuers cathedral churches, or to other places Eccleſiaſtical within theſayd prouynce of Cantorbury, whiche wer geuen & aſſigned to be beſtowed & ſpent, to and on the fyndyng and maintenaunce of certain Chaunteries, anniuerſaries, obites, lightes, lampes, and other like thinges, intentes, and purpoſes, be nowe come into the hãdes and poſſeſſion of the kynges Maieſtie our ſouereigne lorde, by force of a ſtatute thereof made in the firſt yere of his gracious reigne, as by theſad eſtatute more plainly appereth, that theſayd Cathedral Churches, and the Deanes or preſidẽtes & chapiters of theſame, and all other places & perſones, to whõ theſayd landes, rentes and other the premiſſes or any of theim did lately appertaine, ſhall not be charged to and with any contribucion, or payment of any ſubſedie, for that part, or porcion whervnto the kynges Maieſtie is entitled or poſſeſſed of, but the ſayd Subſedy ſhalbe vnderſtand to be chargeable and due onely of all and ſinguler landes, tenemẽtes, rentes, tythes, pencions, porcions, fruites and other hereditamentes, whiche do ſtill remaine not diſcouered from the handes and poſſeſſion of theſayd Cathedral Churches, and other the places and perſones aforeſayd: And that deduction and allowaũce be made to them and euery of them in the payment of theſayd Subſedy, out of the whole value, taxacion and eſtimacion, made for the payment of theſayd perpetual Dime, remaynyng of recorde in the kynges Maieſties court of fyrſt Fruites and Tenthe,

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for that rate, and portion, whiche is come to the handes and possession of our sayd souereigne lorde by force of the statute premised.

Prouided also, that euery Parson and Vicar whose benefice is of the value of vi. pound xiii. s. iiii. d. or vnder, after the rate of the perpetuall Tenthe, shall pay in euery of thesayd thre yeres only vi. s. viii. d. as stipendaries do, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, that euery priest & all other persones hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolucion of the late monasteries, Colleges, free chappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guyldes and Hospitals, or any other incorporacions within the prouince of Cantorbury, or any of them and beyng of the summe of xl. s. or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to the sayd Subsedy, or any part thereof, for any suche pencion of xl. s. or vnder, any thyng contayned in this graunt to the cõtrary notwithstandyng: As by thesayd instrument more at large it doeth appere.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsedy graũted by the sayd prelates and Clergy of the prouince of Cantorbury, accordyng to the tenor, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present instrument; The sayd prelates and Clergye moste humbly desire and require your highnes, that this their sayd gifte, graunt, and Subsedy, and euery matter, summe of money, clause, and sentence, in this instrument contayned concernyng thesayd Subsedy, may be ratefied established, and confirmed, by auctoritie of your highnes court of parliament. And for the sure and true payment of the sayd Subsedy graunted by thesayd prelates and Clergy of thesayd prouynce of Cantorbury, accordyng to the tenor, effecte, and true meanyng of thesayd instrument: Be it enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of thesame, That the sayd gyft and graunt and euery matter, summe of money, clause, and sentence, in thesayd instrument contayned, be ratefied, established, and confirmed by the auctoritie aforesayd. And furthermore, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of thesayd Subsedy, shal haue full power and auctoritie to leuie, take, and perceiue thesame Subsedy, by auctoritie of the sensures of the Churche, or by distresse, vpon the possession of the farmors, & owners of the lãdes and tenementes, chargeable by this act, for, or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwyse by the discrecion of the Collectours thereof: And that no repleuy, prohibicion, or Supersedeas shalbe allowed or obeyed for any person or persones, making default of payment of thesayd subsedy, contrary to the tenor of the graunt therof, vntill suche tyme, as they haue truely satisfied and contented all suche part & portions, as to them in that behalf appertaineth. And that euery suche farmor, and farmors, that shall fortune hereafter to be char-

ged to and with the payment of thesayd subsedy, or any part therof, shall by the aucthoritie aforesayd be allowed, and retayne in his handes, asmuche of his yerely farine and rent, as the summe which he shal fortune to pay for his lorde, or lessour, shall extende and amount vnto, any writyng, couenaunt, band, or other thyng had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng. And for the leuiyng of thesayd Subsedy of vi.s. of the poūd, and for the yerely pencions whiche any priest or other person or persones whiche heretofore haue been religious or taken for religious persones, do or shall receiue at the court of Augmentacions and reuenues, the Chauncelor of thesame court for the tyme beyng, shal yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, that is to say, at the feast of sainct Michael the Archaungel yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, detayne and retaine in his handes, or cause to be detayned or retained in the handes of other the officers and ministers of thesame court, to the kynges vse, for euery poūd of thesame pencions ii.s: And thesame shal wel & truely pay or cause to be payd into thesayd court of the Tenth & first fruites, or els where as the kynges highnes shall appoinct, before the first day of January without any charge to bee made or susteyned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that euery other person and persones which pay or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent, pencion or pencions, to any priest or other person or persones, whiche heretofore haue been religious, or takē for religious persones chargeable to the payment of thesayd Subsedy, that euery suche person or persones whiche do so pay or hereafter shall pay any of the sayd yerely rentes, pencion or pencions, shall not onely duryng thesayd thre yeres, retaine in his handes yerely to the kynges vse, for euery pound of thesame yerely rentes, pencion or pencions.ii.s. And thesame well and truely pay or cause to be payed yerely, duryng thesame thre yeres, vnto the ordinary of thesame dioces, or to the Collector of thesayd Subsedy there, to the kynges vse: But also shall yerely duryng thesame thre yeres before the first day of December, certifie vnder his or their seale or seales, vnto thesayd court of the Tenthe and first fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges highnes to appoinct, the names and surnames of all and singuler suche priestes, or other persons, religious, or heretofore taken for religious persones, as is aforesayd, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, whiche they or any of thē be entitled to haue, or receiue yerely as is aforesayd. And that the Chauncelour for the tyme beyng of the kynges court of Augmentacions and reuenues of the kynges croune, shal likewise yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, before the first day December, certifie vnder the seale of thesame court, not only the names and surnames of al and singuler priestes and other persones chargeable for the sayd seueral rentes and yerely pencions to the payment of the sayd Subsedy in thesayd court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where it shall please the kynges Maiestie to appoinct: But also, the true and

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iust yerely sūme and sūmes of thesame yerely rentes or pencions, with ye names & surnames of ye persons chargeable to the payment therof. And that the Archebishop & bishop of euery dioces within thesayd prouynce of Cauntorbury, shall yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, before the first day of January, or within xxiiii. dayes after at ye furdest, certefie vnder his seale in thesayd court of the Tenthe and first fruites, or els where it shal please the kyng to appoint, the names and surnames of al & synguler stipendary priestes beyng within any of their diocesses, chargeable to thesayd payment of the sayd subsedy as is aforesayd, and also the names and surnames of euery suche person and persones with whom he or thei do dwell, and take any stipende or wages.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that euery suche person and persones whiche within thesayd iii. yeres shal geue and pay any stipende or wages to any suche priest as is aforesayd, shall for the insufficientye or default of euery of the same priest or priestes beyng in seruice or wages with him, at the sayd first day of October, be charged & chargeable to and with the payment of vi.s.viii.d. for thesame yere.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Archebishop, Bishops, & other persones chargeable to & with the collection of ye sayd subsedy of vi.s. the poūd, within thesayd prouynce of Cātorbury, shal haue vpō euery payment therof made in the kynges court of the Tenth and first Fruites, or els where the kynges Maiestie shall appoinct, a sufficient acquitaūce in writyng, of suche person or persones as the kynges Maiestie shall appoinct for the receipte thereof, thesame acquitaunce wytnessyng thesame receipt of asmuche of thesame summe of thesame Subsedy, as shalbe by any of theim so receiued. And euery suche acquitaunce in writyng, sealed & subscribed with the name or names of euery suche person or persones that so by the kynges appoinctment shal receiue any of thesayd summes of money, shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes, construccions, and purposes, as if it were made by act of Parliament. And that euery person and persones whiche shal haue and receiue any suche acquitaunce shall pay but onely ii.d. for euery of thesame acquitaunce.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all & euery graūt and graunties, of all and euery summe & summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the kynges highnes by the Clergy of the prouynce of Yorke, shalbe of thesame strength, force and effect in al thinges as thesayd graunt made by thesayd prouynce of Cantorbury, and shalbe taxed, certefied, collated, leuied and gathered, accordyng to the tenor, forme, and effect of this present acte of Parliament, to all intentes, construccions and purposes, in suche maner, as though it were specially, plainly, and particulerly expressed, and rehersed in this acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in their seueral natures and kyndes.

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Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery laye person hauyng any spirituall promocion, chargeable by this act, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, cattailes and debtes chargeable to the Subsedy graunted by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, taxed, and set, for his sayd spirituall promocion, with the clergy, and for his temporall possessions, goodes and cattals, with the temporaltie, and not otherwise.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all suche as haue been religious persones, and other hauyng any pencion by reason of any dissolucio of any late monastery, College, or hospitals, or any other corporacious within the Prouynce of Cãterbury and Yorke or any of them, and beyng of the sãme of xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged or chargeable to the sayd Subsedy, or any part thereof, for any suche pẽson of xl.s. or vnder, any thing contained in this act, or in any of thesayd instrumẽtes, or any of them, to the contrary not withstandyng.

AN ACTE OF THE RELIEF GRAVNTED TO THE KINGES MAIESTIE by the Lordes and Commons.

The.xxxvi. Chapiter.

Whylest we the Kinges Maiesties faythful louyng and obedient subiectes, the Lordes and commons assembled in this present Parliament do consyder the present state of the world, what great troubles be in all places, what enemies both hys Maiestie and this his Realme hath and is like to haue, and that their malice and hatred is bent, partly to diminishe his graces Maiestie and the honour of this hys Realme, partly to spoile the same of the iust, true, and auncient enheritance, right, and title, that his highnes and his most noble progenitours Kinges of this Realme of Englande haue alwayes had to the realme of Scotland, being a mēber and part of his kyngdom and dominion: and chiefle for that we of late hauing abandoned the aucthoritie of the Bishop of Rome and his wicked doctrine, haue and do adhere to Christ and his most holy word, as becometh al Christians to do, that meane to be no lesse in dede, then they professe in name: Whilest we also consider, that his grace, and we his faithful and obedient Subiectes be but one body politique, his highnes the head & we the mēbers, and that no good or felicitie can come to the one, but the other shalbe partaker therof, and that no hurt or aduersitie can happen to the one where wyth the other shal not also be greued: Whilest also we consider the practises and pollicies of other Princes and potētates, what great preparaciōs, thei make both of mē and also of other furniture for the warres, & what great treasure thei of late haue leuied and gathered of their Subiectes: we perceiuing that al the kinges maiesties procedinges holy tend to the aduauncement of the true glorie of God, the maintenaunce of the Maiestie of the imperial croune of this realme, & the defēce and sauite of vs and this his realme, fully minded to cleaue & stick to God and his most holy word, vtterly determined to maintein his graces honor and al such rightes and titles as be annexed to his Imperial croune, prest and redy to defende our selfes and this his realme and our countrie: and fynally content to leaue father, mother, brethren, sistren, wifes, children, landes, goodes, yea, and his mortal life also, rather then we woulde deny Christ and forsake this word, which is the liuely food of mans soule, rather thē we would suffer his royall maiestie, to be in any part diminished, rather then we would consent, that the Imperial croune of this realme should be depriued of any honour, title, right or interest thereunto belongyng: and finally rather then any forein powre, should do vs or our countrie any hurt or iniurie, haue thought it good to prepare and make, not only our persones redy for the warres, hauing a full affiaunce and perfit cōfidence in God, that as he alwaies hath sent victorie to such as professed

him and put their hole rust in him: albeit thei wer but very few and that very feble in mans sight, in respect of the multitude and force of their enemies: so he now wil haue special regarde and eye to this litle realme, & vs his poore seruaũtes and litle flocke, taking to his charge and defence our litle shephard, tyl yeres and strength make him better able to bicker with his enemies, and that therfore he with vs and for vs wyl deuise to withstand, resist and subdue the force and puisaunce of our stoute foes, nomore ours then his, at the least, ours for his cause: but also to make among vs a masse of money, to relief and maintain the great and inestimable charges that our most gracious soueraigne lorde hath and daily doth susteine, a thing much vnable to serue any pece of his present necessities, if his grace dyd meane to spare any part of his owne treasure, beseching his grace, not to cast his eyes, vpon the smalnes of this our simple present, but to laie by it our good wylles, which we make the chiefest part of our relief, it faithfully promisyng, al the rest to be redy, when peryl or enemy shal declare this not to suffice. First we his graces said subiectes do by the aucthoritie of this present parliamẽt frely & franckelie geue and graunt vnto his most roial Maiestie a relief, to cõtinue by the space of .iii. yeres, to be rated, taxed, leuied and gathered of euery person of what estate or degree he be, accordyng to the tenour of thys acte, after the rate and in maner and fourme followyng, that is to say, aswel of all and euery person as is or hereafter shalbe his graces natural subiectes, as of all and euery fraternitie, guylde, corporacion, mistery, brotherhed, companie and cominaltie corporat or not corporat wythin this Realme of England. Wales, and other the Kinges dominions, beyng worth ten poũdes of money, coine, plate, stocke of marchanhise, corne, graine, shepe bestes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, aswell within this Realme as without, and of al such sommes of money as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, wherof he or thei trust in their consciences suerly to be paied: yerely twelue pence of euery pounde. And of euery Alyen or straunger borne out of the Kinges obeysaunce aswel denisen as not denisen inhabityng or resyaunt wythin this realme or any other the kynges dominions being worth ten poundes in money, coyne, plate, stocke of marchandise, corne, graine, shepe, beastes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, aswel within this realme as wythout, and of all suche sommes of money as to him is or shalbe owyng, wherof he trusteth in his conscience to be suerly paied: yerely, ii. s. of euery pound. And of euery alien or straunger borne out of the kinges obeysaunce aswell denisen as not denisen inhabityng or resyaunt within this realme, or any other the Kinges dominions, beyng worth twenty shyllinges, and vnder ten poundes in money, coyne, plate stocke of marchaundise, corne, grayne, shepe, beastes, cattall, or other goodes mouable, aswell within this Realme as without, and of all such sommes of money as to him, is or shalbe owing, wherof he trusteth in his conscience to be suerly paied, yerely xii. pence of euery pound. Except and out of the premisses deducted, such sõmes of money as any per-

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ſon or perſons beſore chargeable owe, and in his or their conſcience truly mynde to paye. And excepted alſo the apparel of ſuch perſons their wyfes and childzen belongyng to their owne bodies, ſauyng iewels, golde, ſiluer, ſtone and perle. Excepted alſo alwaies from the charge, aſſeſſement and paiment of theſayd reliefs, al money, goodes and cattals, of orphanes bequethed or left vnto them by their parentes, or other their frendes deceaſſed. And that all plate, coyne, Jewels, goodes, debtes, and cattals, perſonals, being in the rule and cuſtody of any perſon or perſons to the vſe of any corporacion, fraternitie, guild, miſterie, brotherhod, company or any cominalte being corporat, or not corporat, be and ſhalbe rated, ſet and charged by reaſon of thys acte, at the value certifyed by the preſentours of the certificat, to be ſworne, of euery pound in goodes, and debtes as is aboueſayd. And the ſommes that are before reherſed, ſet and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goodes in cuſtodie, as is before reherſed. And theſame perſon, or perſones, and body corporat by the auctoritie of this act, ſhalbe diſcharged againſt him or them, that ſhall or ought to haue theſame at the tyme of the payment or delyuerie thereof, or at hys otherwyſe departure from the cuſtodie or poſſeſſion of theſame. Excepte and alwayes forpryſed from the charge and aſſeſſement of this relief, all goodes, cattals, Jewels, and ornamentes of churches and chapelles, ordeyned, and vſed in churches or chappelles, for deuine ſeruice therin to be celebrated. Alſo we the kinges maieſties ſubiectes do geue, and graunt to hys highnes, eight pence to bee payed yerely, duryng theſayd. iii. yeres, by euery other perſon not borne vnder the kynges obeyſaunce, beyng denyſen, or not denyſen, other then women coverte, ſouldiers and ſuche perſons as be vnder the age of. xii. yeres, dwellyng or reſyaunt within this realme or any other the kynges dominions. And theſayd reliefes, ſhalbe by the auctoritie aforeſayed, tared, aſſeſſed and rated, duryng theſayd. iii. yeres in euery ſhere: riding, lathe, wapentake, rape, citee, borough, toune, and euery other place, with in thys Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kynges dominions, in fourme folowyng, that is to ſaye: the fyrſt yere before the. xx. day of Marche: and the other two yeres, before the. xx. day of January. The firſt paiment of theſaid relief, to be had, made and paied, at the receipt of the kinges exchequer before the. xi. day of May next comming. And the ſecond to be made and payed, at theſayd receipt, before the. xx. day of Apryl, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God after the computation of the church of England. M. ccccc. l. And the third paiment to be had and made at theſaid receipt, before the. xx. day of Apryl, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord. M. ccccc. li. And the ſommes aboueſayd: of and for theſayd relief, ſhalbe tared, ſet, aſſeſſed, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payed, vnto the vſe of our ſayed ſouereaigne Lorde, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, in fourme aboue ſayed, aſwell wythin liberties, Franchiſes, Mauntaries, auncient demeſne, and other whatſoeuer plate exempte, or not exempt, as wythout. Except ſuche ſheres pla-

ces, and persones, as shalbe forprised, in and by thys present acte: any graunt, charter, prescription, vse or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuilege, prescripcion, alowaunce of thesame or what soeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graũted, vsed, or obteigned notwithstãding. And it is further enacted by the auethoritie of thys present Parliament, that euery suche persone, aswell suche as be borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, as euery other persone straunger borne, denysen or not denisen, inhabityng wythin this realme, or wythin Wales, or other the kynges dominions, whyche at the tyme of thesayd assessyng or taxacion yerely to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales, and haue goods or cattals, whithin this realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for thesame, by the certificat of the inhabitantes of the parties, where such goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses than shalbe, or in suche other place where such person or his factor, deputie or attorney, shal haue his moste resorte vnto within thys realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf thesame persone were or had ben at that tyme of thesame assessing within this realme. And that euery person, abydyng or dwellyng within this realme, or wythout thys realme, shalbe charged, and chargeable to thesame relief, graunted by this act, according and after the rate, of the value of his substaunce, goodes and cattals, and other premisses, as suche person so to be charged, shalbe set at in the tyme of thesayd assessyng, or taxacion vpon him to be made, and in none otherwyse.

And further we the kinges subiectes, do geue and graunt frelie to his highnes, one other relief to be payed, yerely during .iii. yeres, at the receipt of the kinges exchequer, after the rate and in maner, and fourme folowyng, that is to say, of euery Ewe, kept for the most part of the yere in seuerall, salt or freshe marshes, or in seuerall pasture, that is to sayer groundes not common, nor commenlie vsed to be tylled .iii. pence. Of euery wether, and other shere shepe kept in pasture or marshes, as is aforesayd, two pence. And of euery shere shepe kept on commons or on seuerall groundes, commonly vsed to bee tylled three halfe pence. To bee payed yerely, during thesayd thre yerrs, by the owner, or owners of thesame shepe, and not by any person that hath thesame shepe in farme, or by leasse, paiyng a rent or any other profyt for the same, or whiche is or shalbe bound by any maner of couenaunt or suertie to restore thesame, or as many shepe or the value thereof at any tyme.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auethoritie aforesayed, that euery person not hauyng aboue the nomber of ten shere shepe, shall paye yerely duryng thesayd .iii yere, one halfpeny, for the polle of euery suche shere shepe, and that euery person hauyng aboue ten shere shepe, and not aboue .xx. shall paye for euery of them but one peny, duryng euery of thesayd .iii. yeres, any thyng before in thys graunt of the relief of shepe, conteyned to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandyng. The first payment of thesayd Relief of sheepe, to be made before the fyrst day

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of Nouember next commyng: the second before the first day of Nouember whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God M.cccc.l. And the third before the first day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God M.cccc.li.

Prouided alwayes and be it ordeined and enacted by the auethoritie aforesayd, that if the value of the shepe, cattal, & other mouable goodes, of hym or her, that hath shepe chargeable to the payment of thesayd Relief, beyng rated and gathered into one whole and entire summe and value, shalbe found greater, and more for the aduauncement of this Relief, than the payment that ought to be made by the polle of thesayd shepe, as is before declared, that then the owner of thesayd sheepe, shall not be chargeable with the payment, after the rate of the polle. And if it shall appeare that the paiment after the rate of the polle shal excede in value, & be more beneficial to the kyng, then the money rated of the whole substaunce of any person: That then suche person hauyng shepe shalbe charged to pay after the rate of the polle, and not after the value of his entire substaūce: The Relief payed the yere before of his entire substaūce to be taken, and accompted as perrell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the peres ende vpon the accompt made for the polle of his shepe.

Also we the kynges sayd subiectes by the auethoritie aforesayd, do geue and graunt vnto the kynges Maiestie, one other Relief, that is to say viii. pence of the pound, of the price and value of all and synguler Wollen clothes, Carsepes, Fryses, Cottons, Kendales, and all other kynde of wollen clothes, of what sorte or makyng soeuer thei be, that frō the feast of the Natiuitie of saunct Jhon Baptist next cōmyng, duryng. thre peres then nexte folowyng shalbe made by any person to be put to sale, thesame Relief to be leuied and gathered yerely duryng thesayd iii. peres, of the maker of thesayd clothe, in suche maner and forme as hereafter in this act shalbe declared.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordayned and enacted by the auethoritie aforesayd, that if it shall appere that the rate of viii.d. of the pound of the price and value of the clothe, by suche Clothier made as is aforesayd, shall excede the rate of iii. pence of the pound, of his goodes and cattals, that then euery suche Clothier, shall pay onely after the rate of viii.d. of the pound of the clothes, and not after the value of his goodes and cattals, the Relief payed the first yere of his entier substaunce to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the first peres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by him made as is aforesayd. The second Relief, pated of his entier substaunce, to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the second peres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by him made, as is aforesayd. And the third Relief, payed of his entier substaunce to be taken and accompted as percel of the summe

that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the third yeres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by him made, as is aforesayd.

Prouided also, and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any person to thintent to defraude the kynges Maiestie of the Reliefes graunted by this acte, or any part thereof do colour and take vpon him, by the assent or consent of the true owner thereof to be owner, or proprietary of any goodes, shepe, clothes, or other thynges chargeable to the payment of thesayd Relief, and in dede shalbe found, tried or proued, not to be iust and right owner therof, vpō any informacion therof to be made in the kynges court of Exchequer within .ii. yeres next after suche offence, that not onely suche goodes, shepe, clothes, and other thynges, or the value therof shalbe forfaited to the kyng, but also the partie so falsely colouryng thesame, or pretendyng to be owner, or proprietary of thesame, shall forfaite and lose to the kyng the treble value therof, to be leuied of his goodes and cattals, landes, and tenementes to the kynges vse.

AND to the entent that the kynges Maiestie may be iustly & truely satisfied of thesayd Relief of the value and substaunce of euery mannes goodes, and other summes, to be payed by straungers, denizens or not denizens, by vs to his highnes geuen in maner & fourme afore expressed, & in no part therof to be defrauded, as our intent and hope is his grace shal not be: Be it ordayned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the lorde Chauncelor of England, the lord Thresauror of England, the lorde President of the kynges moste honorable coūsail, the lorde Priue seale, and the lorde great Chamberlayne of Englād, for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, wherof the lorde Chaūcelor or the lord Thresouror, to be one of them, shall and may name & appoint of and for euery shyre, ridyng, and other places, aswell within this realme, as in Wales, and other the kynges dominions, as also for euery Citie and toune, beyng a countie of it selfe, and of and for the Ile of Wyght, suche certain nomber of persones of euery of thesame shires, ridynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, tounes, and the Ile of Wyght, & euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of thesame, to be Commissioners within the same, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honourable housholdes of the kyng our souereigne lorde, the Lady Mary, and the lady Elizabeth graces, the kynges Maiesties systers, certain head officers of thesame, to be Cōmissioners of thesame housholdes, in what shyres or other places thesayd housholdes shall happen then to be: and the lorde Chauncelor or lorde Thresauror, & other with him before named, in like maner may name and appoinct of euery other suche Borough, & toune corporate, aswell in England, as in Wales, and other the kynges dominions, as they shall thynke requisite vi. v. iiii. iii. or ii. of the head officers, and other sad and honest inhabitauntes of euery of thesayd Cities, Boroughes and tounes corporate, according to the nomber & multitude

titude of people beyng in theſame: the whiche perſones if any ſuche be therunto named of theſayd inhabitauntes of theſayd Boroughes and tounes corporate, not beyng counties in themſelfes, ſhalbe ioyned and put as Commiſſioners with the perſones, named for ſuche ſhires and ridynges, as theſayd Boroughes and tounes corporate not beyng Cōunties in themſelfes be ſet, and haue their beyng: which perſones ſo named for and of theſayd Boroughes and tounes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reaſon of their dwellyng in theſame, ſhal not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their cōmiſſion in execution for the premiſſes, out of theſayd Borough or toune corporat, wherin they beyng ſo named onely for theſame, be dwellyng, and alſo not to execute theſayd cōmiſſion, within the Borough or toune corporat, where thei be ſo dwellyng, but ioyntly with m.at the leaſt of the other Commiſſioners within the ſhire or ridyng, and in that commiſſion wherein they be ſo dwellyng, at ſuche dayes and tymes, as theſayd other Commiſſioners for theſame ſhire and ridyng, ſhal therunto limitte and appoinct within theſame borough or toune corporate, not beyng countie corporat, wherof they ſo be, and not out of ſuche borough or toune, and in that maner to be aydyng and aſſiſtyng, with theſayd other Cōmiſſioners, in and for the good executyng of the effect of theſayd cōmiſſion, vpon paine of euery of theſayd Commiſſioners, ſo named for euery ſuche citie, borough and toune corporate, not beyng a countie, to make ſuche fine as theſayd other Cōmiſſioners in the commiſſion, of and for theſayd ſhire or ridyng ſo named, or thre of them at the leaſt, ſhal by their diſcretions ſet and certifie into the kynges Exchequier, there to be leuied to the vſe of our ſouereigne lorde the kyng, in like maner as ſuche or like ſūmes had been ſet & rated vpon ſuche perſon for theſayd Relief: The whiche Commiſſioners ſo named, of & for theſayd cities, boroughes and tounes, not beyng counties, and only put in theſayd commiſſion by reaſon of their dwellyng in theſame, ſhall not haue any parte of the porcion of the fees and rewardes for the Cōmiſſioners, and their clerkes in this act, afterward ſpecified. And the Chaunceloz of England, or keper of the kynges great ſeale for the tyme beyng, ſhall make and directe out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the kynges great ſeale, ſeuerall commiſſions, that is to ſay, to euery ſhire, ridyng, lathe, wapentake, rape, citie, toune, borough, Ile, and houſholde, vnto ſuche perſon and perſones, as by his diſcretion and other with him beforе appointed and named, in like maner and fourme as is aforе reherſed, ſhalbe thought ſufficient for the aſſeſſyng and leuyng of the ſayd Relief in all Shyres and places, accordyng vnto the true meanyng of this acte: whiche Commiſſion ſhalbe directed and deliuered to theſayd Commiſſioners, or to one of them perely, durryng theſayd thre yeres, in maner and fourme folowyng, that is to ſaye: the firſt yere beforе the tenth day of Marche nexte commyng, and the other two yeres, perely beforе the firſt day of Januarye: and to euery of theſayd commiſſi-

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ons, r. Cedules, cõtainyng in them the tenour of this act, shalbe affiled, the whiche Commission the Commissioners in euery suche Commission named, accordyng vnto this act, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the kynges Commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie to put the effect of thesame Cõmission in execution. And that by auctoritie of this act, after suche cõmission to them directed perely duryng the sayd tu. yeres, they may by their assentes & agrementes, seuer themselfes for the execution of their cõmission, in hundredes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, tounes, parishes, & other places, within the limittes of their sayd cõmission, in suche fourme as to them shall seme expedient to be ordred, and betwene them to be commoned and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the commission to them therin directed, vpon whiche seueraunce, euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundreth where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Cõmissioner, to and for the execution of this present act, but onely in the shire wher he dwelleth and inhabiteth: and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary therof, in any wise shal not be cõpelled to put in execution the effect of this act, or any part therof. And it is also enacted by thauctheritie of this present Parliamẽt, that the Cõmissioners, & euery of them whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appointed accordyng vnto this act to be Commissioners in euery suche shire, ridyng, lathe, wapentake, rape, Citie, Toune, borough, Isle, and thesayd housholders or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the cõtrary hereof: and thesayd Cõmissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by thesayd Commission, and none other, for the execution of thesayd commission, and act, shall the first yere of the payment of this Relief of goodes, before the xx. day of Marche, and the other two yeres, perely before the xvi. day of January, by vertue of the commissions, deliuered vnto them, in fourme aboue sayd, direct their seueral or toynte precept vnto viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. or iii. or moo, as for the nomber of the inhabitaũtes shalbe requisite, of the moste substancial, discrete and honest persones inhabitaũntes, to be named by thesayd Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appointed by thesayd Commission, of and in hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, parishes, tounes, and other places, aswell within liberties, fraunchises auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaryes, as without, within the limittes of the shires, ridynges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, tounes, boroughes, or Isle aforesayd, and other places within the limittes of their cõmission, and to ỹ Constables, subconstables, bayliffes, and other like officers or ministers, of euery of the

sayd hūdzedes, tounes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, parishes, and other places before sayed: as to the sayed commissioners, and euery nomber of them vnto three or two of them, by their discrecion in diuision, shal seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of that parties shalbe requisite, straitly by the same precept chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers afore sayd to whome suche precept shalbe so directed to appere in their proper persones before the sayd cōmissioners, or such nomber of thē as they shal deuide themselfes, accordyng to the tenor of the sayd commission, at certain dayes and places by the sayd commissioners, or any nomber of them as is abouesayd, wythin cities, boroughes, or tounes corporat, or wythout in any other place as is aforesayd, by their discrecions shalbe limited therunto, to do and accomplish al that to them on the part of our soueraigne Lorde the kyng shalbee entoyned touchyng this acte: commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe the same, vpon payne of .xl.s. to be forfaited to the kyng.

And it is further ordeyned by the sayd auctorite of this Parliamēt, that the sayed day and place prefixed, and limited in the sayd preceptes, euery of the commissioners, then being in the shere, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at the sayd day, and place prefyxed for that parte whereunto he was limited, appere in his proper persone, and there the same commissioners beyng present, or as many as shalbe appoynted by the kynges commission, shal cal or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitauntes and officers, to whō they haue directed their said preceptes, and which had in cōmaundement, they to appere by the said precept of the sayd cōmissioners. And if any person so warned, make defaute, onlesse he then be letted by sycknesse or lauful excuses, and that let then to be wytnessed by the othes of two credible persons: Or yf any so apperyng refuse to be swoorne in fourme folowyng, to forfayt to the kyng .xl.s. and so at euery tyme duryng the sayd three yeres prefyxed for the same cause, vnto such tyme, the nombers of euery such persones, haue appered and certified in forme vnder written: and euery of them so makyng defaute, or refusyng to be swoorne, to forfait to the kyng .xl.s. and vpon the same apparaunce had, one of the most substancial inhabitantes or officer, so there beyng warned and appering before the sayd commissioners, shalbe swoorne yerely duryng the sayd .iii. yeres, vpon a boke openly before the commissioners in fourme folowyng.

I shal truly enquire with my fellowes, that shalbe charged with me, of the hūdred wapentake, ward, toune, or other place, of the best & moste value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abidyng within the limites of the places that I and my fellowes shalbe charged wyth, and of other whych shall haue hys or their moste resort vnto any of the sayd places and chargeable with any some of money, by this act of this

ſayd relief, and of al other articles that I ſhalbe charged with, touching theſayd act, and accordyng to the entent of theſame, and there vpon as nere as it may or ſhall come to my knowlege, not onely truly to preſent and certifie before you, the names, ſurnames, additiõs, and the beſt and vttermoſt ſubſtaunce, and values of euery of them of there goodes, cattailes, dettes and other thynges, chargeable by theſayed acte, and howe many ſtraungers, denizens or not denizens, beyng aboue the age of .xii. yeres, be reſiaūt and dwelling wythin the limites of my charge, of what value in goodes and other thynges, chargeable to the payment of this relief they be, and whether they be houſholders or ſeruauntes or otherwyſe vnder the rule and gouerment of their parentes wythout any concelement, fauour, loue, affectiõ, dread, feare, or malice, ſo helpe me God, and the holy contentes of thys booke.

And euery other perſon that ſhal appere there yerely by theſayd preceptes, ſhal make like oth, and vpon the othe ſo takē as is beforeſaid, by the inhabitantes and officers of euery hundred, waed, wapentake, toune or other place, theſaid cõmiſſioners ſhal yerely openly there read or cauſe to be read vnto thē theſayd rates, and openly declare the effect of theyr chatge vnto thē, in what maner and forme they ought and ſhould make there certificates, accordyng to the rates and ſommes therof aboueſayd, and of al maner of perſons, aſwel of aliens and ſtraungers denizens, or not denizēs, inhabited within this realme as of ſuch perſõs as be borne within the kinges obeyſaunce chargeable to this act, and of the goodes and cattals of fraternities, gaildes, corporacions, brotherhedes, miſteries, compainies, and commalties and other, as is aboueſayde: and of perſons beyng in the parties of beyond the ſea, hauyng goodes or cattals within this realme as is beforeſayde: of al goodes being in cuſtody to the vſe of any other, as is aboueſayd: by the whych informacion and ſhewing, theſayd perſons ſhal haue ſuch plain knowlege of the true entent of this preſēt act, and of the ſtatute of there certificat, that theſame perſons ſhal haue no reaſonable cauſe to excuſe thē by ignorauncē. And after ſuch othes, and the ſtatute of theſayd relief, and the maner of theſayd certificat, to be made in wrytyng conteynyng the names, ſurnames and additions of euery perſone, and whether he be borne wythout the kinges obeyſaūce or wythin, and the beſt value of euery perſon in euery degree, of the value of goodes and cattals, dettes, and euery thyng to their ſayd certificat, requiſite and neceſſarie to them declared: theſayed cõmiſſioners there being, ſhal by their diſcrecions appoinct & limit vnto theſayd perſons, an other day and place to appere before theſaid commiſſioners, & charging theſaid perſons, that they in the meane time ſhal make diligēt enquiry by al wayes and meanes of the premiſſes, and then and ther euery of thē, vpon pain of forfaiture of .xx.s. to the king, to appere at theſayd new prefixed day and place, ther to certifie vnto theſayd cõmiſſioners in writyng, according to there ſayed charge according to the true entent of theſayd graunt of relief, and as to thē in maner afore-

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said hath ben declared and shewed by the cõmissioners at which dai and place so to them prefixed, if any of thesayd persons make default, or appere and refuse to make thesaid certificat: that then euery of thẽ so offendyng to forfait to the king. xl.s: Except only a reasonable excuse for hys default by reason of sycknes, or otherwyse by the othes of two credible persons there wytnessed be had: and of such as appere redy to make certificat, as is aforesayd: thesayd commissioners there being shal take and receaue thesame certificat and euery part therof, and the names values and substaunce of euery person so certified. And if thesame cõmissioners se cause reasonable, they shal examine thesame presentoures therof, and there vpon thesaied commissioners at thesayed dayes and place by there agrement among themselfes shal yerely during thesaid thre yeres opẽly there prefyx a day at a certain place or places within the limites of ther commission by their discresion, for their further procedyng to thesayed assessyng of thesame relief, and there vpon at thesayd day of thesaid certificat (as is beforesayd) takẽ, thesame cõmissioners shal make their precept or preceptes to the constables, subconstables, bailiffes, or other officers of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Tounes, or other places aforesayed, as thesame Commissioners shalbe of, comprising and conteining in thesame precept the names, surnames, and addicions of all persones presented before them in thesayd certificates: of whom yt thesayed commissioners or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the kinges commission shal then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substaunce in goodes, cattals, or sommes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce beforesayd, then vpon such person or persones shalbe certified, thesame commissioners shall make there precept or preceptes directed to the constables, bailiffes, and other officers, to whõ such precept shalbe directed to warne such persones whose names shall be comprised in thesaid precept, at there mãcions or to their persons, that thesame persons named in such preceptes and euery of them, shal personally appere before thesaid commissioners at thesame new prefixed day and place ther to bee sworne and examined by all waies & meanes by the sayd commissioners of ther greatest substaunce and best value, and of al and euery sommes of money owing to them, and other whatsoeuer matter cõcerning the premisses or any of thẽ, according to this act. At which day and place so prefixed, thesayd commissioners than ther beyng, or as many of thẽ as shalbe therunto appointed by the kynges commission, shal cause to be called thesayd persones, whose names shalbe comprised in thesayd precept, as it is beforesayd for their examinacion. And yf any of the persones whych should be warned, as is beforesayed, to be examined, which at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed daye shalbe within such place, wher he may haue knowlege of thesayd appearãce to be made, make default & appere not, onlesse a reasonable cause or els a resonable excuse by the othes of twoo credible persõs before the

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said commissioners be truly alleged for his discharge, that then euery of the so making default, to be taxed and charged to the kyng with and at the double sommes of the rate that he should or ought to haue ben set at for and after the best value of hys goodes & substaunce vpon him certified, if he had appered, by the discrecion of the cõmissioners there being. And in like maner if any of them suspected, as is before said, appere and refuse to be sworne in fourme folowing: the euery such offeder to be taxed and charged to the king with and at the double sõme of the rate that he should or ought to haue ben set at, for and after the best value of hys substaũce vpon him certified by the said persons that made the certificat as is beforesaid, by the discrecions of the commissioners ther than being and euery of the persons so there then appering: Whose names shalbe expressed in the said precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboue sayd, shal trauel with the same persone so suspecte, by all such wayes and meanes ther can: And further the said commissiontes, or as many of them as shalbe hereunto appointed by the sayd commission, by ther discrecion shal openly swere the same person in this maner and fourme folowyng.

I shal faithfully, truly, and plainly according to my knowlege shew vnto you the kinges cõmissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value or aboue of al my goodes and cattals, and sommes of monei to me owing, according to the graũt of this act of relief and truly aunswer to that I shalbe examined of, touching the premisses, without coupn, or deceipt, so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of thys boke.

And if any person that should appere be excused in forme aforesaid by witnes of credible persons, the same persons shalbe examined by ther othes of his or their greatest & best value and substaũce so lacking and excused, and the best of ther certificat or knowlege, or of the other first certificat vpon him or the made, the same person so lacking and excused of his apparaunce to be set and rated by the sayd cõmissioners or otherwyse to be set and rated in this case as shal seme best by the discrecions of the sayd cõmissioners. And if it happen to be proued by witnes, his owne cõfessiõ or other lauful wates or meanes, within one yere after any such othe made, that the same person so taxed and swozne, was of any greater or better value in goodes or other thynges aboue specified at the tyme of his sayd othe, then the same persone so swozne dyd declare vpon hys othe: That then such persõ so offending shal lose and forfait to the king four tymes so much in lauful money of England, as the same persone so swozne was set and taxed at, to paye for the sayd Relief.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this act, be he commissioner or other, to any maner of value, do fynde himselfe greued with the same presentment setting or taxyng, & ther vpõ complain to the commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, cessed or taxed, or before two of them, that then the said cõmissioners, shal by alwayes and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so compleinaunt and other

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his neighbours, by their discrecion, of euery hys goodes, catteles and debtes aboue mencioned, and after due examinacion, and perfect knowlege therof had and perceiued, by the sayd commissioners, whyche shall haue power, by aucthoritie aforesayd: thesayd Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by their discrecios vpon the othe of thesayd persone so complaynyng, maye abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge thesame assessement, accordyng as it shall apeare to them iust vpon thesayd examinacion, and thesame somme so abated, defalked, encreased, or enlarged by theim, to be streated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the extreates of thesayd assessing, be deliuered by thesayd commissioners, into the Kinges Exchequer. And if it be proued by wytnesse, his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any such othe made, that thesame persone so taxed and sworne, was of any greater or better value in goodes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his sayed othe, then thesame persone so sworne, dyd declare vpon his said othe: that then euery such persone so offendyng, shall lose and forfait to the kyng. iiii. tymes so muche in lawful money of Englande as thesame persone so sworne, was set at or taxed to paye. And all persones, sette, rated and taxed as is aforesaid, shalbe bounde and charged by thesame: and the somme or sommes vpō hym set, to bee due towardes the paiment of this Reliefe, and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

AND it is also enacted by thesayed aucthoritie, that euery persone yerely duryng thesayd three yeres, as is aforesayed, shalbe rated, taxed and set, and the some on him set, to be leuied at suche place, where he and his family at the tyme of thesame presentment to be made, shal kepe hys house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe moste conuersaunt abidyng or resiaunt, or shall haue his moste resort, and shalbe best knowen at the tyme of thesayd certificat to be made, and no where els. And that no cōmissioner for this relief of goodes, shalbe rated or taxed for his goodes, but in the shire, citee, or other place, where he dwelleth and is commissioner. And yf any persone chargeable to thys acte, at the tyme of thesayed assessyng, happen to bee out of thys realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen, then he to bee set where he was last abyding, in this realme or within Wales, and best knowen. And after the substaunce and value of euery persone, knowen by the examinacion, certificat, and other maner of wise, as is aforesaid, thesayd commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the kynges Commission, shal after the rate aforesayed, set and taxe euery persone, accordyng to the rate of substaunce, and value of his goodes and Catralles: whereby the greatest and moste best somme, according to his moste substaunce, by reason of this act, ought or maie be set or taxed,

BE it also ordeined by thesaid aucthoritie, that no persone hauyng twoo mancions, or twoo places to resort vnto, or callyng hymselfe house-

holde seruaunt or waityng seruaunt, to the kinges highnes, his graces sisters, or to any noble man or woman, shalbe excused vpon his saiyng, from the taxe of thesayd Relief in neither of the places where he maie be sette, onelie he bryng a certificat in writyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so set in deede at one place. And if any happen to bee set in twoo places, vpon certificat thereof made, the best and moste somme vpon him so taxed, to be taken and abyde, and the other to bee discharged, so that thesame certificat of hys assessyng and payment, bee made thereof in writyng, vnder the seales of the Commissioners, or of as many of theim as shalbee appoyncted by the kinges Commission: whyche certificat so made, shalbe at all tymes a sufficient discharge for him, and the Collectour of thesame, aswell against any Collectour, that shall demaunde thesame vpon hym rated or taxed, as agaynst the king and all other persones.

And yf any persone that ought to bee set, by reason of hys remouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of this saying that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuilege, by hys dwellyng or abidyng in any place, not beyng forexpressed in this acte, or any otherwyse by hys coueyn or crafte, happen to escape from the yerely assessyng, and bee not sette, and that proued by presentment, examinacion or informacion, before thesayd Commissioners, or as many of theim as shalbe by thesame Commission appointcted, or by the Barones of the Kynges Exchequer, or twoo Justices of the Peace of that countrey, where suche persone dwelleth: then euery suche persone, that by suche meanes or other wyse, wylfully by coueyn, shall happen to escape from the assessyng of thesayed Reliefes, or of any of theim, and not be rated, taxed, and set, shalbe charged vpon the knowlege and proffe thereof, wyth, and at the double value that he should, or ought to haue been sette at afore, accordyng to his behauoure: thesame double value to bee leuied, gathered and paied of hys goodes, and cattalles, landes and tenementes, towardes thesaid Relief, and further to bee punyshed, accordyng to the discrecions of the Barones, Justices, or Commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted for hys offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that not onely euery assessour shalbe rated, taxed and assessed yerely, duryng thesayd three yeres, for the value of hys goodes and cattalles, by the Commissioners, or the moste part of theim, by whom he is appoynncted to be an assessour, but also that euery Commissioner assygned and deputed, for the orderyng, taxyng, ratyng, and leuyng of thys relief, graunted to the kinges Maiestie, of twelue pence of the pounde, of the value of euery mannes goodes dwellyng wythin the precinct and limit of his cõmission, for his owne substaunce in goodes, shalbe sessed, taxed, valued and rated yerely, duryng thesayd .iii. yeres, by the examination taxacion and sessyng of the rest of the commissioners, named in thesame

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Commission, or the moste part of theim, after suche value of his goodes and cattalles, as is mencioned in this Acte. And that al persones of the estate of a Baron or Baronesse, not beyng maryed, and euery estate aboue shalbe examined and charged, of the payment of this Relief of their goodes, before the Lorde Chauncellor, the Lorde Thesaurer of England, and Lorde Priuey Seale for the tyme beyng, or other persones by the kinges authoritie to be limited: And they to be charged yerely, duryng the sayd three yeres, for their goodes and substaunce, accordyng to their examinacion aforesayd. And the somes vpon the set wyth the names of the collectours appointed for the gathering and payeng of the same, be extreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue specified, by the sayd Chauncellour, Thesaurer, or Lorde Priuey Seale, for the tyme beyng, or suche other persones, as shalbe appointed by the kynges hyghnes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted, by thauthoritie aforesayed, that after the Taxes and Assessementes, of the sayed sommes, vpon and by the sayd examinacion and certificat, as is aforesayed made, the sayed Commissioners shall yerely duryng the sayed three yeres, wythin tenne dates next after the Taxacion and Assessement, of payment of the said reliefes, by writyng Indented to be made of the sayed Taxacion and Assessement, vnder the seales and signes manuelles of the sayed Commissioners, deliuer vnto sufficient and substanciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subcõstables, Bailiffes, or other officers iointly of Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayd wythin their limites, or to other sufficient persones, inhabitauntes of the same, onely by the discrecion of the same commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, aswel the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all sommes of money, Taxed and sette of and vpon euery person, aswell manne as woman chargeable to this act, housholder, and al other inhabitauntes and dwellers, and all Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporacions, Misteries, Brotherhoddes, Compaignies and Cominalties, corporat or not corporat, within the said parishes, townes and places, cõtributory to thys act of relief. By authoritie of whyche writing, or estreat so deliuered, the sayd officers or other persons so named, and deputed seuerally, shal haue full power and authoritie by vertue of thys act, immediatly after the deliuery of the sayd writyng or estreat, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery persone and Fraternitie, Guyld, Corporacion Mistery, Brotherhod, Compaigne, and Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate therein specified, the somme or sommes in the same writyng or estreate compryled. And for none paiment therof to distraine the goodes and cattalles, of suche persone, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporacion, Mistery, Brotherhod, Compaignie and comminaltie, corporat or not corporate, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eight dates, at the costes and charges of the owner therof: And if the sayed owner do not

paye such somme of money, as shalbe taxed by this act, within thesame viii. daies, thē thesaid distresse to be apprised, by .iiii. iii. or two of the inhabitantes, where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by thesaid Constable and other collector for the paiment of thesaid money: and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and kepyng thereof (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of thesame distresse, whych sayd officers and other persones so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie thesayed sommes, shall aunswere and be charged for their porcion, onely to them assigned or limited, to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in thesayd writyng or estreate, to them as is aforesayed delyuered, vnto the vse of our souereigne Lord the King, his heires and successors, and thesaid somme in that writyng or estreat cōprised, to pay vnto the high collector or collectors of that place for the collection of thesame, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, to be named and deputed: and thesame inhabitantes and officers, so gatheryng thesame perticuler sommes, for their collection thereof, shall reteigne for euery .xx. s. so by them receyued and payed .ii. d. and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the high collector or collectors.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeygned and enacted, by thauctho-ritie aforesayed, that yf any persone not beyng the Kynges subiecte naturally borne, denisen or not denisen, beyng aboue the age of .xii. yeres, and not worth .xx. s. in goodes, and be at the tyme of the payment of the reliefes, of .viii. d due by this act of euery such person, or at any time duryng thesayd thre yeres, in seruice with any man or woman, or vnder the gouernaunce of hys or her father or mother, that euery such Master or Maistres, father or mother, shalbe charged with the paiment therof, for such persone in like maner and fourme, as he or she is or ought to be for the Reliefes due by themselues. And that it shalbe lefull for euery suche Master and Maistres to defalke, abate, and reteigne of the wages of suche seruaunt, so muche as he or she had before payed for such seruaūt towardes the payment of thesayd reliefes.

And further be it enacted by thesaid aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that thesaid commissioners, shal yerely during thesaid .iii. yeres name such sufficient and able persones, whych then shall haue and possede landes, or other hereditamentes in theyr owne ryght, of the yerely value of .x. l. or goodes to the value of an .C. marke at the least, and the same persones seuerally, by the discrecions of thesame commissioners in shires, Ridynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, cities, tounes corporat, and other whatsoeuer places, aswel within places priuileged as without not beyng forprised in this act, to be high collectors & haue the collecciō and receipt of thesayd sōmes, set and leuiable within the precinct, limites and bondes, where thei shalbe so limited to gather and receiue: to euery the which collectors so seuerally named of thesaid cōmissioners, or two of thē at the lest, yerely during thesaid .iii. yeres Vnn .xii. daies next after

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thesayd whole somme of thesayd reliefes, shalbe set and rated by all the limites of thesame theyr commission, or in such limites as the high Collectors shalbe so severally assigned, shall vnder their seales and signes manuell, deliuer one estreate indented in parchement, to euery of thesame high collectors, comprisyng in it the names of all such persones, as were assigned to leuie thesayed particular sommes, and the sommes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Toune or other place aforesayed, wyth the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, according to the estrete so first thereof made (as is beforesayd) and deliuered, and the Collector so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswere the whole somme, comprised in thesayd estreate limited to his Collection, as is aforesayed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid that thesayd Commissioners hauing auctoritie by this act to name thesayd high collectors of thesayd Reliefes, yerely durying thesayed three yeres, shall immediatly vpon their nomination and election, take by auctoritie of thys present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligations, without any fee or reward to be payed therfore, of euery persone, so by them to be named to bee hygh Collector, to be bounden to the king in the double somme, of the somme of hys collection, and to be indorsed and made vpon suche condition, that yf thesayd Collectour, hys heyres or executors, doo truly content and pay, to the vse of the kyng, hys heyres, or executours, in hys receipte of hys Exchequer, before the daye appointed by thys acte, so muche of thesayd somme of money, allotted and appoynted to hys collection, as he shall Collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of hys Collection and charge, wythin one moneth next after suche time, as he hath gathered and collected thesame residue, that then thesaid recognisaunce or obligacion to be voyd, or els to stand in his full strength and vertue. Which recognisaunce or obligatiõ so taken, thesayd commissioners shall certifie and deliuer into the kynges Exchequer, with the certificat of thesayd taracion, and rate of thesayd relief, at, and by the time to them prescribed, and appoynted by thys act, vpon pein of forfaiture of, x.l. to the king for euery recognisaunce or obligacion not certified. And that euery such collector so elected named and chosen, vpon request to hym made, shall knowlege and make thesayd recognisaunce or obligacion, vpõ like pein and forfaiture of x l. to the king for the refusall thereof: and euery suche collector, so yerely deputed, hauing thesayd estreate in Parchement, as is aforesayed, shall haue auctoritie by this act, yerely durying thesayd three yeres, to appoinct dayes and places, within the circuitie of his Collection, for the paiment of thesayed Relief to hym to be made, and therof to geue warning by Proclamacion or otherwise, to all thesayd Constables, or other persones or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the particular collection wythin the Hundredes, Parishes, Tounes, or other places by hym or them limitted, to make paiment for their sayd particuler collection of

euery some, as to the shal appertein. And yf at thesayd day and place so limited and prefixed by thesayd collectoz, thesayd Cõstables, officers, oz other persones oz inhabitauntes (as is afozesaied) foz thesaid particuler collection appoynted and assygned wythin suche hundzed, citee, toune, oz other place, do not paie vnto thesayd collectozs, the some within their seuerall hundzedes, tounes, parishes, and other places, due and cõpzised in thesayd estreates therof to them deliuered by thesaid commissioners, as is before said, oz so much therof as thei haue by any meane receiued (ii.d. of euery pound foz thesayd particuler collection, as is before said, alwaies to be therof allowed, excepted & abated) that then it shalbe lawfull to thesayd high collectozs, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distrain euery of thesayd Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes foz their sayd seuerall and particuler collection of thesayd sommes, compzised in thesayd estreate and wzityng therof, to them and euery of them as is before expzessed deliuered, oz foz asmuche of thesame somme as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied, beyng behynd and vnpayed by the goodes and cattalles, of euery of thé so beyng behind: and the distresse so taken, to be kept, appzeised and sold, as is afozesayd; and therof to take and leuy the some so then being behynd and vnpaied, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale of thesayd distresse (yf any bee) to bee restozed and delyuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembzed.

Pzouided alwayes, that no persone inhabited in any citee, bozough, oz toune cozpozat, shalbe compelled to be an assessour oz collectoz, of, oz foz any part of thesaid relief, in any place oz places, out of thesayd citee, Bozough, oz toune cozpozate where he dwelleth. And it is also by thesayd auctho̅itie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt oz officer, oz whatsoeuer persone oz persones charged, to, and foz the collection oz receipt, of any part oz pozcion of thesayd relief, in any of thesaid thze peres, by any maner of meane, accozding to this act, oz any person oz persones foz thé selfes, oz as keper, deputie, factoz oz atturney, of, and foz any other person oz persons, of any goodes and cattalles, and the owner therof at the tyme of thesayd assessyng to be made, being out of this realme, oz in any other parties not knowen, oz of, and foz the goodes and cattalles of any other person oz persones, oz of any cozpozacion, fraternitie, guild, mistery, compainy, oz other whatsoeuer cõminaltie, beyng incozpozate oz not incozpozate, and all persones hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce, oz custody, any goodes oz cattals, at the tyme of thesayd assessyng, oz any of them to be made, oz which foz any cause foz, and by collection oz foz hymself, oz foz any other, oz by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce oz custody of any goodes oz cattalles, of any other person oz persones fraternitie, Guylde, Cozpozacion, Cominaltie, Compaignie, oz Mistery, oz any such other like, oz as factoz, deputie, oz attozney, of, oz foz any perso̅, shalbee taxed, rated, valued, and set to any somme oz sommes, by reason of this act: and after the taxacion oz assessyng, vpon any suche person oz

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persons, as shalbe charged with the receipt of thesame happen to die or depart from the place, where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes and cattalles to be so eloyened or in suche priuie and couert maner kepte, as thesayd persone or persones charged with thesame, by extreates or other writing frō thesaid commissioners, cannot, ne may leuy thesame some or somes, cōprised within their said extreates by distresse, within the limites of their collection, as is beforesaid, or cānot sel such distresse, or distresses as be taken for any of thesaid yerely paimētes, before the time limited to the high collector, for his paimēt to be made in the kynges receipt: then vpon relacion therof made, with due examinacion by the othe or examinacion of suche persone or persones, as shalbe charged with, and for the receipt and collection of thesame, before thesayd commissioners, or one of them, or before the high collector or collectors, where suche persone or persons or other, as is aforesayd, their goodes and cattals were set and taxed: and vpō plain certificat therof, made into the kinges Exchequer, by thesame Commissioners, or any one of them, or vpon the othe of one of the high collectors, in thesayd court of thexchequer, of the dwellyng place, names & sommes of thesayd persons, of whom thesaid sommes cā not be leuied & had, as is beforesaid, then aswel the constables and other inhabitauntes, appointed for the particuler collection against the high collectors, as the high collector, vpon his accompt and othe in thesayd Exchequer, to be discharged therof, and processe to be made for the king out of thesayd Exchequer, by the discrecions of the Barons of thesayed Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors, so being behind with his paiment. And ouer that, thesame cōmissioners, to whō any such declaracion of the premisses, shalbe made in forme aforesaid frō time to time, shal haue ful power and authoritie, during thesaid. iii yeres, to direct their precept or preceptes, vnto thesaid person or persons charged with any some, of, for or vpon any such person or persons, or other as is abouesaid, or to any shirieffes, Stewardes, bailieffes, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, persō or persons, of such place or places, where any such person or persons, so owing such some or sommes, shal haue landes and tenemētes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessiōs, goodes or cattals, whereby any suche person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors, or assignes, or other hauyng the custody, gouernaunte, or disposicio of any goodes, cattals, landes tenemētes, or other hereditamētes whych ought or may bi this act lawfully be distreyned, or takē for thesame, hath & shal haue goodes, cattals, lādes, tenemētes, and other possessiōs, wherof such some or somes, which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied be it wythin the limite of suche commission, where suche persone or persōs, was or were taxed, or without in any place within this realme of England, Wales, or other the kinges dominiōs, marches or territories: by which precept aswel such person, or persons as shalbe charged to leue suche monty, as thofficers of the place or places, where such distresse

ſtreſſe maye be taken, ſhall haue full power and auctho;itie, to diſtreine euery ſuche perſone indebted, charged o; chargeable by this acte, o; hys executo;s o; adminiſtrato;s of his goodes and cattals, hys factо;s, deputies, leſſees, fermours and aſſignes, and all other perſones, by whoſe handes o; out of whoſe landes any ſuche perſone, ſhould haue rent, fee, annuitie, o; any other p;offite, o; whych at the tyme of theſayd aſſeſſynges, ſhall haue goodes o; cattals, o; any other thyng moueable, of any ſuche perſone o; perſones beyng indebted, o; owyng ſuche ſomme. And the diſtreſſe ſo take, to cauſe to be kept, app;eiſed and ſold in like maner and fo;me, as is afo;eſayd, fo; the diſtreſſe to be taken vpon perſones, to be taxed to theſaid reliefe, and beyng ſuffycient to diſtreyn, within the limites of the collectо;s inhabitauntes, o; other officers charged with, o; fo; theſame ſommes, ſo vpon them to be taxed. And if any ſuch diſtreſſe fo; none paiment, happen to be taken out of the limite of the perſones charged and aſſigned to leuie theſame, the perſо;s ſo charged fo; the leuiyng of euery ſuche ſomme by diſtreſſe, ſhall perceiue and take of theſame diſtreſſe, fo; the labo; of euery perſon, goyng fo; theexecuciо; therof, fo; euery mile that any ſuche perſone, ſo laboureth fo; theſame. ii.d. And euery fermo;, tenaunt, factо;, o; other whatſoeuer perſone beyng diſtreined o; otherwyſe charged fo; paiment, of any ſuche ſome o; ſomes, o; any other ſome, by reaſon of this act, ſhalbe of ſuche ſome o; ſomes, of hym o; the ſo leuied and taken, diſcharged and acquited, at his next date of paimēt of theſame, o; at the deliuery of ſuche goodes and cattals, as he that is ſo diſtreined, had in his cuſtodie o; gouernaunce, againſt hym o; theim that ſhalbe ſo taxed and ſet: any graunt o; wrytyng obligato;y, o; other whatſoeuer matter to the contrary made herctofo;e notwythſtandyng. And yf any ſuch perſone, that ſhould be ſo diſtreined, haue no landes o; tenementes ſufficient, wherby he o; his tenauntes, and fermo;s maye be diſtreined, o; hath clopened, alienеd o; hid his goodes and cattals, wherby he ſhould o; might be diſtreined, in ſuch maner that ſuch goodes and cattals ſhall not be knowen, o; found, ſo that the ſome by hym to be payed in theſayd fo;me, ſhal ne can be conueniently leuied: then vpon relacion therof vnto the Commiſſioners, where ſuche perſone o; perſones was taxed and ſet, by thothes of hym o; them, that ſhalbe charged wyth the leuie and payment of that ſome o; ſomes, theſame cōmiſſioners ſhal make a p;ecept, in ſuche maner as is afo;eſayed, fo; to attache, take, and arreſt the body, of ſuche perſone o; perſones, that ought to paie theſayd ſomes, and by thys act ſhalbe charged with, and fo; theſame ſome o; ſomes, and them ſo taken ſafely to kepe in p;iſon, within the ſhire o; other place where any ſuche perſon o; perſones ſhalbe taken & attached, there to remain wythout baile o; mainp;iſe vntyll he haue payed the ſome o; ſomes, that ſuche perſones fo; hymſelf o; fo; any other, by thys act ſhal be chargeable, o; ought to bee charged wythall, and alſo fo; the fees of euery ſuche arreſt, to hym o; theim that ſhall execute ſuche p;ecept. xx.d.

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And that euery officer, vnto whome such precept shalbe directed, do his true diligence to execute the same, vpon euery person so beyng indebted vpon pain to forfaict to our sayed soueraigne Lorde the king, for euery default in that behalf. xx. s. And that no keper of any gaile, frō his gaile suffer any suche person to go at large by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue paied his sayed debt, and the said xx. d. for the sayd arrest, vpō pein to forfait to our soueraigne lord. xl. s. and the same gailer to paye vnto our sayd soueraigne Lorde, the double value aswel of the rate, whych the said persone so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayd. xx. d. for the fees. And lyke processe and remedy in like fourme shalbe graunted by the sayd commissioners, at lyke informacion of euery persone or persones, beyng charged wyth any somme of money for any other person or persones, by reason of the sayd Reliefes, euery of the said thre yeres, and not therof paied, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limite where such person was therunto taxed. And yf the somme or sommes, beyng behynd vnpayed, by any person or persones, as is before sayed, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayed processe, to be made by the same cōmissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of paiment thereof, the person or persones so owyng the sayd somme or sommes of money, by processe of the same commissioners to be made (as is aforesayd) be committed to prison in forme aboue sayd, that then the sayd commissioners, whych shall awarde such processe, shall make certificat thereof in the sayd Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Terme next folowyng, after suche somme or sommes of money so beyng behynd, shalbe leuied, and gathered, or suche person or persones for none paiment of the same committed to prison.

And yf it happen any of the sayed collectors, to bee assigned, or any Maior, Sherif, Steward, Constables, hedborroughes, housholder, bailief, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer persō or persōs to disobey the sayd cōmissioners or any of thē, in the reasonable request to thē made, by the sayd cōmissioners, for the peirely execution of the said cōmission, duryng the sayd. iii. yeres, or yf any of thofficers or other persones, do refuse that to them shall appertein or belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or thē to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaūce or request touchyng the premisses, or other default in any apparaūce or collectiō do make, or if any persō being suspect or not to be indifferētly taxed, as is aforesayd, do refuse to be examined according to the tenor of this act, before the sayd cōmissioners, or as many of thē as shalbe therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appere before the same cōmissioners, vpō warning to him made, or els make resistaūce or reskous vpon any distresse vpon hym to be takē for any parcel of the said relief, or cōmit any misbehauor in any maner of wise cōtrary to this act, or cōmit any wilfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wylfull none doyng or mysdoing, contrary to the tenor of this act or graunt: the same cō-

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missioners or twoo of theim at the least, vpon probable knowlege of a-
ny suche misdemeanours, had by informacion or examinacion shall and
maye set vpon euery suche offendor, for euery suche offence in name of a
fine by thesame offendor to be forfaited .xx.s. or vnder, by the discretion
of thesame Commissioners. And further, thesayd Commissioners, and
euery nombre of them, to twoo of them at the least shal haue authoritie
by thys present Parliament, to punysshe euery suche offendor by impri-
sonment, there to remain and to be delyuered by their discretion, as shal
seme to them conuement. Thesayd fines (if any suche bee) to be certified
by thesayd commissioners, that so assessed thesame into thesayd Kynges
Exchequer, there to be leuied and paied, by the collectors of that parties
for thesaid reliefes, returned into thesaid exchequer, to be therwith char-
ged wyth the paymert of thesayd reliefes in such maner, as if thesaid fi-
nes had been set and taxed vpon thesayd offendors, for thesaid reliefes.

It is also enacted by thesayd authoritie of this present Parliament
that euery of thesayd hygh Collectours, whyche shall accompt for any
part of thesayd Reliefes in the Kynges Exchequr, vpon theyr seuerall
saied accomptes to bee yelden, shalbe allowed yerely duryng thesayed
three yeres, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any suche
Collectour shalbe charged, and yelde accompt, syxe pence, as parcell of
their sayd charge, that is to saye, twoo pence of euery pound thereof, for
suche persones as then haue had the particuler Collection, in the Tou-
nes and other places (as is aforesayd) specified in hys Collection: and
other twoo pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of thesaid chief Collec-
tours there accomptant, to receyue to their owne vse, for their labor and
charge, in, and about the premisses: and twoo pence of euery pounde, re-
sidue to be deliuered, allowed, and paied by thesaied Collectours, so be-
yng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon
them the busynes and labour, for, and about the premysses: That is to
say, euery collectour to paye that commissioner or commissioners, which
had the orderyng and the writynges, of, and for thesayed Reliefes,
where thesayd collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expen-
ces of thesayd commissioners, so takyng vpon theim thesayd busynesse,
and labour of their clerkes, writyng thesaid preceptes and estreates for
thesayd collections, thesame last twoo pence of euery pound, to be deui-
ded amongest thesayd commissioners, hauyng regarde to the labor and
busynesse taken by theim and their sayd clerkes, in, and aboute the pre-
misses, for whiche part so to thesayd commissioners atteignyng, thesayd
commissioners, and euery of them ioyntly and seuerally, for hys or their
sayd part, may haue his remedy against thesayd collector or collectors,
whyche thereof been and myght haue been allowed, by accion of debte,
in which the defendaunt shall not wage hys lawe, neither protection or
other essoyne shalbe allowed.

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of this p̄sent Parliament, nor any Commissioner shalbe named or assigned to be any Collector, subcollector, or p̄sentor of thesayd reliefes, or of any part therof, nor no Commissioner shalbe cōpelled, to make any p̄sentment or certificat, other then in the kynges Exchequer. of for or concerning thesaid reliefes, or any part therof in any of thesaid, iii. yeres And in likewise that none other person, that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioner in any place. to and for the execuciō of this act of reliefes in any of the sayd. iii. yeres be or shalbe assigned or named hed collector. in any of thesame thre yeres of thesayd reliefes, neither of any part there of. And that euery such persone or persones, whyche shalbe named and appointed (as is aforesayd) to be he d Collectors, in and for one of thesayd thre yeres, shall not be compelled to be Collector, for the other and last yere. And thesayd Collectors, whyche shalbe assigned for the collection of thesayd reliefes, or for any part therof, and euery of them be and shalbe acquited and discharged, of all maner fees, rewardes and of euery other charge in the kynges Exchequer or els where, of them or any of theym by reason of that collection, payment or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng thesame to bee asked. And that yf any persone receyue and take any fees rewardes or pleasures of any suche accomptant: that then he shall forfeyt to the kyng, for euery peny or value of peny so taken. xx. pence, and suffre imprisonment at the kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing and assessyng of thesayd yerely reliefes (as is beforesaid) had and made, and thesayd estreates therof in parchemēt, vnto the collectors (in maner and forme before rehersed) deliuered, the said cōmissioners whych shall take vpon them the execution of this act, within the limites of their Commission, by their agrementes shall haue metynges together, at whych metyng euery of thesayd commissioners, whyche then shal haue taken vpon thē, the execution of any part of thesayd commission, shall by hymself, or by hys sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng furth vnto thother commissioners, named in thesayd Commissiō the certificat and p̄sentment made before him and such other cōmissioners, as wer limited with him in one limite, so that thesame certificates may be accōpted and cast with other certificates, of thother limites with in thesame commission: and then thesayd Commissioners, and euery nōber of thē, vnto two at the least (as is aforesayd) yf thei be in lyfe, or their executors, or administrators of theyr goodes, if thei be then dedde, shall joyntly & seuerally as thei wer deuided within their limites, vnder their seales yerely, duryng thesayd. iii. yeres, by their discrecio make one or seueral writynges, indented, conteinyng in it aswell the names of thesayd collectors, by the cōmissioners for such collecciō and accompt in their chequer, and paimēt in thesaid receipt, deputed & assigned as the grosse and seueral sommes, written vnto euery such Collector, to receyue thesayed reliefes, and also al fines, amerciamētes & other forfaitures, if any such by reason of this act, happē to be within the p̄cinct & limite of their cō-

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mission to be certified into the kinges Exchequer, by thesaid commissioners yerely, duryng thesayd thre yeres, before the dates of paiment therof, at thesayd receipt limitted and appointed. In which writing or writynges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expressed aswell the whole and entier some and somes of thesaid reliefes, severalli limitted to the collection of thesayd Collectours, as the names of thesayd collectours, severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayed somes, so that none of thesayd collectours, so certifyed in thesayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to bee charged, but onely, to, and for the sommes limitted to hys Collection, and not, to, or for any somme limitted to the Collection of hys felowes, but that euery of theim shalbe severally charged for theyr partes, lymitted to theyr Collection. And yf thesayd commissioners, joyned in one commission, amongest theimselues, in that matter cannot agree, or yf any of theim be not ready, or refuse to make certificat, with other of thesame commissioners: That then thesame Commissioners maye make severall Indentures (in fourme aforesayed) of theyr severall limittes or seperacions of Collectours, wythin the limites of their Cõmission, upon, and in the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other like diuisions, within their sayd several limites of their commission, as the places there shall require to be severed and deuided, and as to thesame Commissioners shall seme to make diuisions of their limites or Collections for the severall charges of thesame collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accounpte for his parte, to hym to be limited onely by hymselfe, and not for any somme limited to the parte of any of his felowes. And the charge of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified severally upon theim, and euery suche Collectour, upon hys accompt and paiment of the sommes of money, limited within his Collection, to be severally by hymselfe acquited and discharged in thesayed Exchequer, without paiyng any maner of fees or rewardes, to any persone or persons for thesame, upon the pein and penaltie last aforesayed and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectours. And if any commissioner after he hath taken certificat of them that (as is aforsayd) shall before any such commissioner be examined, and the sommes rated and set, and the bokes and writynges therof, beyng in his handes or yf any collector or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of any of thesaid reliefes, or any other person, taxed or otherwise by this act charged, with, and for any parcell of thesayd reliefes, or wyth any other somes for fine, amerciamẽt, penaltie, or other forfayture, happen to dye before such commissioners, collectour, or other, whatsoeuer persone or persones haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficienly discharged it, whyche to euery such persone shal appertayn or belong to do according to thys act, then the executors and heires of euery such persone and all other seazed of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person

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beyng charged by this act and deceassyng before he be discharged therof, or any other to his vse only had of estate of inheritaunce at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or in any otherwise charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, satisfied or payed, by reason of this acte, and all these that haue in their possessions or handes any goodes or cattailes that were to any suche person at the tyme of his death, landes or tenementes that were the same persones at the tyme that he was (as is aforesayd) charged by this act, shalbe by thesame compelled and charged to do and accomplisshe in euery case as thesame person, so beyng charged, should haue done and might haue been compelled to do, if he had been liuyng, after suche rate of the ládes and goodes of thesayd Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his handes. And if thesame Commissioners for causes reasonable them mouyng shall thynke it not conuenient, to ioyne in one certificat, as is beforesayd: then thesayd person or persones that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certifie thesayd writyng indented, as is aforesayd, shal certifie al the names of the Cómissioners of that commission, wherr vpon suche writynges shalbe there then to bee certified, with diuisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tithynges, or other places to and among suche Commissioners, of thesame commission with the names of thesame Commissioners where suche seperacions and deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money aswell of and for the sayd Reliefes taxed or set of or within thesayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes or other places to him or them deuided or assigned that shall so certifie thesayd first writyng, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, & other forfaitures, if any happen to be within thesame limittes, wherof thesame writynges shalbe certified.

And after suche writyng indéted, whiche (as is aforesayd) shalbe certified, and not containe in it the whole and full summes set and taxed within the limittes of thesame commission, the other Commissioners of thesame, euery of thesayd thre peres before the day of payment of the sayd Reliefs at thesayd receipt limitted and appointed by this act, shal certifie into thesayd Exchequier by their writyng or writynges indented to be made, as is aforesayd, the grosse and seuerall summes set and taxed within the places to them limitted for thesayd Reliefes and other fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaytures, with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned: or els by their sayd writynges indented to certifie at thesayd place before the day of payment therof at thesayd receipt, as is aforesayd, reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificat of and for thesayd Reliefes, with fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, and other forfaitures growyng or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifiyng, as is aboueseyd, or els in default therof, proces to be made out of the kynges Exchequier against thesayd Commissioners

and euery of theim not makyng certificat, as it is aforesayd, by the discrecion of the Thesaurour and Barons of thesayd Exchequier.

Prouided alwaies that if any person or persones chargeable to this Relief of payment for his goodes, shall happen at any tyme duryng the sayd thre yeres to be set or presented in two or mo places then one, and thesame beyng certified into the kynges court of Exchequier; that then the partie or parties so set or presented & certified takyng a corporal othe before the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or before any two of them, or before any person or persones beyng aucthorised by commission to be directed frō thesayd Barons or any of them, whiche commission or commissions thesayd Barons or .ii. of them shalbe auctorized and haue full power & auctoritie to make by this act, that he or they is or be thesame selfe person or persones so set, and that he or they is or be, set or presented in two or mo places then one. And that he or they haue then been by the space of one yere next before the takyng of thesayd othe more conuersaunt and dwellyng in any one of thesame places where he or they shall so happen to be set or presented then in the other: that then the partie or parties so set or presented in two or mo places then one, and so takyng his othe without any other plee or writyng, shalbe clerely discharged against the kyng, his heyres & successours of euery of thesayd assessementes and presentmentes, sauyng onely of the assessement and presentment in the place where he or they was or were most conuersaunt & dwellyng as is aforesayd.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Barons of the kynges Exchequier or two of theim for the tyme beyng, shall not onely haue full power & auctoritie to receiue and take the othe of suche partie or parties as shalbe so set or presented in any mo places then one, but shall also vpon thesame othe or othes so taken, discharge the partie & parties of all suche summes of money as he or they should bee in any wise charged with, sauyng onely of suche summes of money as thesame partie or parties were so lessed at in suche place and places where he or they were moste conuersaunt and dwellyng as is aforesayd.

AND to the intent the kynges Maiestie may be truely and iustly answered of thesayd Relief of ꝑ polle of shepe before by vs graūted to his highnes: be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yerely duryng thesayd iii. yeres before the first day of May, there shalbe a cōmission with r. Cedules cōtainyng in them the tenor of this act to be annexed to suche Commission directed vnder the kynges great seale of England into euery cōtie, shyre, ridyng, citie, borough, toune corporat and the Ile of Wight, and into all and euery other place within this realme and other the kynges dominions that is or shalbe chargeable to the payment of thesayd Relief of the polle of shepe to suche persones as thesame yere before wer Commissioners for the assessement and taxation of the value of euery persones goodes and substaunce, in thesame shire

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or other place, or to as many of them as shalbe then liuyng, and to such other persones as thesayd Lord Chauncelor and other with him before named shall name and appoynct: By the whiche commission the Commissioners shal haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire by the othes of the Person, Vicar or curate, .iii. or as many honest persons of euery parish, Village, and hamlet within the limittes of their cõmission, whereof the Constable, Tythyngmã or Borsolder shalbe one, yf any Constable, Tythingman or Borsolder be dwellyng in thesame parish, Village or hamlet, and by the othes of as many other honest and discret persons as they shal thinke conuenient, or otherwyse by suche meanes and pollicies as they shal thinke best, wherby the truth may appeare of the nomber and natures of all and singuler shepe beyng wythin the lymittes of their commission, whose thei be, in what toune or parish the owner dwelleth, and of what state or degree he is, and whether for the most parte of the yere they be kept in seuerall pastures, or seuerall Marshes, or in commons, or groundes commonly vsed to be tylled: the tenor of whych othe hereafter followeth.

Ye shall diligently enquire and iustly and truly present and certifie vs the Kynges Commissioners what nombre of Ewes, Wethers and other shere shepe be within the limittes of your charge, whose they be, in what toune or parishe the owner dwelleth, of what condition and degre he is, and whether for the moste parte of the yere thei be kept in seuerall pastures or seuerall Marshes, or in commons or groũdes comonly vsed to be tylled, as ye trust to be saued by the merites of Christes passion.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that yerely duryng thesayd three yeres, on the Tuesday after the feast of the Natiuitie of saincte Jhon Baptist, there shalbe a generall suruay made, of all and singuler shepe, in euery parish, village and other place within this Realme, the Ile of Wight and other the Kinges dominions chargeable to the payment of this Reliefe of shepe, by such persones as shalbe appointed and sworne to do thesame in maner and fourme before reherssed. And that vpõ such suruay, euery shepe shalbe take for a shere shepe that is at that tyme of suruay of the age of one yere or more, albeit thesame shepe be not at that tyme shorne.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person to the intent to defraude the execution of this statute shall remoue thesayd daye of suruay hys shepe before the suruay taken from the vsual place where thei were comonly kept for the moste part of the yere, or els shall cause them or any part of them to be conueyed to any other place whereby they shall not be surueyed, or whereby the kyng shall lose any part of the Relief to hym geuen by this statute, that euery person so offendyng shal forfaite and lose to the Kinges Maiestie, treble so much as he ought to paye by vertue of this statute.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person sommoned to appeare before thesayd Commissioners, do

make default hauyng no reasonable excuse: or appeatyng, shall refuse to take thesayd othe, or takyng thesayd othe shall not diligently attend and endeuour the execucion thereof, or shall not appeare and make presentment before thesayed Commissioners at suche tyme and place as he shalbe appoynted, that euery person so offendyng for euery such default shall forfait and lose to the kynges maiestie .xl.s.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres within one moneth next after the surueay of sheepe, and the presentmentes made by the viewers of the sheepe in maner and fourme as is before declared, the Commissioners in euery shire or other place shall all or the moste part assemble theim selues together, and conferre the presentmētes made before thē of the shepe, with the presentmētes before made of the value of the goodes and substaūce of all persones wythin the lymittes of theyr commission. And that vpon suche collacions of the presentmentes it it shall appere vnto theim that any person is chargeable by vertue of thys acte to paye for the polle of his shepe whych before was not charged for his goodes. Or that if any person within the limittes of their cōmission be chargeable to paie more after the rate of the polle of hys shepe presented before thē, then he was before for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, thesayd Cōmissioners or the more part of theim as they shalbe deuided, shall wythin one moneth next after suche assemble by their writynges indented to be signed and sealed by thē, make furth extreates of al and synguler summes of money that any person ought to paye for the rate of the polle of hys shepe not beyng before charged wyth hys goodes, or for the ouerplus that any person ought to paye for that the rate of the polle of hys shepe doeth surmoūt the paiment before made of the value of his goodes, and thesame writynges shal not only deliuer vnto sufficient and substancial inhabitantes, Constables, Subconstables and other officers and persones iointely of hundredes, tounes, parishes, and other places within the limittes where the owners dwel or haue theyr moste vsuall abidyng, to be leuied, gathered, and recepued of the owner of suche shepe or his executours or administratours, but also shal in like maner deliuer the like writyng to the high Collectour of thesame limit, to charge him with the receipt thereof of the Subcollectour or Subcollectours, and the payment therof at the kinges receipt. And that thesayed Subcollectours, and Commissioners, shal not only haue for their labours. vi.d. of euery pounde, commyng, growyng and to bee payed to the kynges Maiestie for the Relief of the polle of the shepe by vertue of thys acte, but also that they and euery of them shal haue the like power and auctho[r]itie to gather and leuy thesame, and all fynes and forfaytures commyng and growing for the execucion and gatheryng of thys Relief of the polle of shepe by suche like waies and meanes as before in thys acte be limitted and appointed for the leuiyng a gathering of the Relief of goodes. And that thesayd Cōmissioners, Collectours and all and euery other person

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and persones shall behaue, order, and vse theimselues in all and euery thyng concernyng thexecucion of this part of the statute touchyng the leuiyng and gatheryng of the Relief of the polle of sheepe, as before in this acte is limitted and appointed for to do touchyng the Relief of the goodes vpon like paynes, penalties and forfaitures as be before declared in this acte.

Prouided alwayes and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctthoritie aforesayd that all and synguler summes of money due to the kynges Maiestie of this Relief of the polle of shepe, shalbe gathered by the Subcollector or high Collector of the limittes where the owner dwelleth and in none other place.

And it is further ordained and enacted by the auctthoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Commissioners for the suruay of the nomber and value of the shepe shal yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres make returne and certificat vnto the kynges Exchequeir before the x. day of October aswell of the counterpane of al and euery extreates deliuered by them to the high Collectours, as also of all & synguler presentmentes made before them, and of all and synguler their procedynges cōcernyng thesayd cōmission. And that in the ende of all and euery their certificats they shall make special remembraunces and declaracions of all and synguler persones not dwellyng within the limittes of their Commission, that haue sheepe within the limittes of thesame commission, where suche persones dwell, and of what state and degree they be, what nomber, and what kynde of shepe they be, and in what groundes for the most part of the yere thei be kept. And that vpon suche returne and certificat of the commission to be made by the Commissioners for the suruay of sheepe beyng conferred with the bokes of the taxacion and value of the substaunce of euery person, if it shall appeare that the kynges Maiestie ought to haue more by any meanes toward thesayd Relief then before was payed or payable, that then vpon an extreate thereof to be made out of thesayd court of the Exchequier to the high Collector of the place wher the partie that ought to pay more dwelleth, thesame Collector shalbe therewith charged, and shall gather and leuy thesame in like maner and fourme as he ought to do the rest of his colleccions.

AND to thintent the kynges Maiestie may be iustly answered for the Relief by vs before graunted of the price and value of all clothes: be it ordayned and enacted, that the Commissioners to bee appointed for the taxacion of the Relief of the substaunce of euery person, shall haue full power and auctthoritie by vertue of this acte, and of their commission, as they shalbe deuided, to name, constitute, and appoint, in euery Citie, Borough, Toune, Hundred and parishe, within the limittes of their deuisions by their discrecions, suche and so many honest, substancial, and

discrete menne, to be prayſers of theſayd clothes, chargeable to the payment of this Relief of clothes, as they ſhall thinke conuenient & neceſſary, and them from tyme to tyme to alter and put newe in their places as they ſhall haue occaſion. And that theſayd prayſers before they take vpon them the apprayſement of ſuche clothes, ſhalbe ſworne in maner and forme folowyng.

YE ſhall faythfully and truely eſteme and ſet the iuſt price and value of all ſuche clothes as ſhalbe brought vnto you to bee viewed and prayſed, as ye ſhall in your conſciences thinke theſame worth to be ſolde when they ſhalbe wrought, and theſame ſhall not ſuffer to be deliuered out of your cuſtody, tyl ye haue made of the colour, kynd and price therof an entry both in the boke of the Clothier and alſo of the Iulnageour or his deputie, and ſet to your handes or markes declaring who was the owner of the clothe, and the kynd and price therof, ſo helpe you God and by this booke.

And it is alſo ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that all kynde of clothes whiche from and after the feaſt of the Natiuitie of ſainct Jhon Baptiſt next commyng, duryng the ſpace of thre yeres then folowyng, ſhalbe made within this realme, or Wales, to be vttered and put to ſale, ſhalbe ſealed with the kynges Seale, remaynyng in the cuſtody of the Iulnageour, or his deputie, or deputies, and prayſed by two of theſayd prayſers at the leaſt, and entred into the bookes hereafter in this act mencioned, vpon payne of forfaiture of theſame clothe, the one halfe to the kynges Mateſtie, the other to the partie that ſhall ſeaze theſame.

And it is alſo enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that there ſhalbe ii. bokes perely made, of the apprayſyng of all and euery kynde of clothe to be made during theſayd iii. peres, the one of whiche bokes to remaine with the Iulnageour or his deputie, wherin ſhalbe written the colour, kynde and price of all and ſynguler clothes viewed and apprayſed that yere, accordyng to the tenor of this ſtatute, vnto whiche boke, the owner of euery cloth or ſome other perſon for him, and the prayſours, ſhal ſet to their handes or markes when the clothe is ſealed: And the other booke ſhall remaine with the owner of theſayd clothe whereto theſayd Iulnageour and prayſoures ſhal ſet their handes and markes. And that the owner of all and euery clothe chargeable to the payment of the Reliefe of clothes graunted by this acte, perely within xx. dayes after the yere expired, ſhal deliuer his ſayd booke ſo ſubſcribed or marked with the handes of the Iulnageour or his deputie and prayſours to the Commiſſioners for the taracion and aſſeſment of theſayd Reliefe within the limitte where ſuche Clothier dwelleth, or to one of them, vpon payne of forfayture by theſame Clothier of treble ſo muche as he ought to paye to the

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kyng by reason of the aforesayd Relief of his clothes so sealed.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auethoritie aforesayd, that euery Aulnageour shal yerely from & after thesayd feast of the Natiuitie of saint Jhon Baptist next commyng, kepe a partite booke of the colour, kynd, and price of all and synguler clothes by him sealed, and the names of the owners therof in maner and fourme as is before declared, and thesame booke yerely shal make and deliuer to the Commissioners, for the taxacion of goodes within the limittes wher suche Clothe maker dwelleth, or to one of them, within xx. dayes next after the yere expired.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by thauethoritie aforesayd, that if any Aulnageour or his deputie do not make and deliuer thesayd booke in maner and fourme before rehersed, or do wylfully conceale any clothe by him sealed, & do not entre it into thesayd booke, that for suche offence thesayd Aulnageour shall not onely forfayte his office, but also shal make fine at the kynges will.

And it is also ordained and enacted by thauethoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Cōmissioners of that limitte hauyng receiued thesayd bookes of the Aulnageour or his deputie or deputies, and the owner of the clothes, shal conferre the rates of the Relief of the clothes comprehended in thesayd booke, with the taxacion and payment of the owner of thesame clothes for his goodes. So that if it shall appeare thereby to them that the owner of any clothe is chargeable to pay for his clothes, whiche before was not chargeable for his goodes, or that suche owner ought to paye more after the rate of the Relief of his clothes contamyng in the bookes deliuered to theim, then he was before charged for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, thesayd Commissioners as they be deuided shal within one moneth next after thesayd bookes receiued, by their writyng indented to be signed and sealed by them, make furth extreates of all & singuler summes of money that any person ought to pay for his clothes, not beyng before charged with his goodes, & for the ouerplus that any suche person ought to pay for that the rate of the clothes doeth surmount the payment of the value of his goodes before made: and the same writyng shall deliuer to the high Collectour of thesame limitte, to charge him with the receipt hereof, of the maker of thesayd clothes: and the payment thereof at the kynges receipt. And that thesayd high Collectour shall haue the like power and auethoritie to gather and leuy the same, by suche like wayes and meanes as before in this acte be limitted and appointed to the Subcollectour for the leuiyng and gatheryng of the Relief of goodes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by thauethoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Commissioners shall yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres make returne and certificat into the kynges Exchequier before the tenth day of October, not onely of the counterpane of all and euery extreate

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deliuered by him to the high Collectour, but also of the bodke receiued of the Wulnageour as is aforesayd, and the prayfours names, and of all and synguler their proceedynges cõcernyng thesayd payment of the Reliet of clothes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that euery of thesayd high Collectors whiche shal accompt for any part of thesayd Reliet of clothes in the kynges Exchequier, vpon their seueral sayd accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely duryng thesayd thre yeres, for euery pound limitted to his collection, wherof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompte vi.d. as parcell of their sayd charge, that is to say, ii.d. of euery pound therof for suche persones as be limitted to be prayfours, for their paynes and labours: and other ii.d. of euery pound therof, euery of thesayd chiefe Collectours there accomptant, to receiue to their owne vse for their labours and charge in & aboute the premisses: and ii.d. of euery poumde residue to be deliuered, allowed and payed by thesayd Collectours, so beyng therof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners as shall take vpon theim the busynes and labour for & about the premisses, that is to say, euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the orderyng and the writynges of and for thesayd Reliet of clothes where thesayd Collector or Collectours had their collection, for expences of thesayd Commissioners so takyng vpon them thesayd busynes and labour of their clarkes writyng thesayd preceptes and estretes for thesayd collections: thesame said ii.d. of euery pound to bee deuided among thesayd Commissioners hauyng regard to the labour and busynes taken by them and their sayd clearkes in and aboute the premisses. For whiche parte so to thesayd Cõmissioners attaynyng, thesayd Cõmissioners vi.d. xiii.li. vi. or as many of them as shalbe therto appounted by the kynges commission and euery of them toyntly and seuerally for his or their sayd part may haue his remedy against thesayd Collectour or Collectours whiche therof been and might haue been allowed by action of debt, in whiche the defendant shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, Iniunction or other essoyne shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Reliet nor any other thyng therin contayned, do in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Ireland, Bulleyn and the countie of thesame, Calleys, Hamnes, Guysnes and the Marches of thesame, Jerneley and Garneley or any of them, of for or cõcernyng any goodes whiche thesayd inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Bulleyne, the countie of thesame, Calleys, Hamnes, Guysnes, or other Marches of thesame, Jerneley, Garneley, or in any of them.

Prouided also, that thesayd graũt of Reliet do not in any maner of wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtfull to thinhabitaũtes or resiauntes

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at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate or vnited to the same fiue Portes, or to any of the same fiue Portes, of or for any part or parcel of the said summes graunted in this present Parliament of the sayd inhabitantes now resiauntes or any of them to be taxed, set, assed, leuied or payed but that the sayd inhabitantes and now resiauntes of the said Portes and their membres and euery of them bee and shalbe of and from the sayd graunt and payment of the sayd Relief of their goodes and cattels duryng their resyauncie there and no lenger acquited and discharged, any matter or whatsoeuer thyng in this present act made or had to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also that this present act of Relief, ne any other thyng therin conteined extend to any of the English inhabitantes or resiauntes in any of the counties of Northumberland. Cumberland, Westmerland, the toune of Barwyke, the toune of Newcastel vpon Tine and the bisshoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of for or concerning any goodes, clothes or shepe, which the same inhabiteauntes or dwellers or any other to their vse, haue within the sayd counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmerland or the toune of Barwyke, the toune of Newcastel vpon Tyne, or the bishoprieke of Durham or any of them, but that they and euery of them, shalbe of & from the sayd Relief, of and for their goodes, lyyng and beyng in the same counties, tounes and bishoprike or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged, any thyng in this present act before rehersed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that thys act ne any thyng therin contened shall extende to the goodes of any College, Hall, or Oste within the Vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambryge or any of them, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by bishop Wykham, or to the goodes of the College of Eton nere Wyndesore, or to the goodes of any reader or scholer within the sayd Vniuersities and Colleges or any of them there remainyng for study, wythout fraude or coyn, any thing in this act contained to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that no spiritual person shalbe charged by thys act for any of his goodes or cattelles, other then for shepe, nor shalbe charged by thys acte for any such hys shepe whyche he hath, or at any tyme wythin thre yeres nexte folowyng shall haue or kepe for the only purpose to be spent or eaté in his house so as the nombre of the same shepe so purposed to be spēt and eaten onely in his sayd house, doo not excede the number of foure hundreth shepe for one yere, nor for any such his shepe as do go and fede, or shal go or fede for the most part of euery yere of .iii. yeres next comming vpon his landes, tenementes or commons, whereof such spirituall persons is or shalbe seazed in the right of his church or promocion spiritual which landes, tenementes or commons be chargeable to the paument of the first fruites and tenthes.

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And forasmuche as diuers and sondry the Kinges maiesties tenaũtes and other thinhabitauntes and dwellers within the coũties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgã, Breknocke, Radnor, Moũtgomory. Denbigh, Flynt, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carneruon and of the countie Palentine of Chester, be at thys present time charged & chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of money (by the name of a Myse) due to his maiestie, according to the seueral customes of thesayd coũties, for the payment whereof diuers and sundry the gentlemẽ and other the inhabitauntes of thesaid counties be and stand bound to his hyghnes: The king our soueraigne lorde is therfore pleased and contented that it be prouided, ordeined & enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therin cõteined, shal not extend to charge any of the kynges maiehies tenauntes & other thinhabitantes and dwellers within any of thesaid counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Moũtgomory, Denbigh, Flynt, Marioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruon and the countie Palentine of Chester beyng charged or chargeable with thesayd Myse for or with any of the paimẽtes of the sayd Relief graũted to the kinges maiestie by this acte, vntill the seueral dayes and tymes appoincted and agreed for the paymentes of thesayd Myses shalbe expired. And that the fyrst paimen of thesayd Relief of goodes shalbe made at the receipt of the Kynges exchequier before the first day of May then next folowing after the day appoyncted for the later payment to be made of thesayd Myse, and so yerely before the first day of May at the receipt of thesayd exchequer vntil the thre seueral paimentes of thesayd Relief be fully made in such and like maner, forme and ordre as is ordeyned and appointed by thys act for the kinges subiectes concernyng thesayd Relief of goodes to bee made at the receipt of thesayd Exchequer, according to the tenor of this present acte. And also that the first payment of Relief for Clothes and shepe in euery of thesayd seueral Counties shalbe made in thesayd Exchequer after thesayd Mises, due to be paide, at such and like daies and tymes yerely as is aforelimitted by this act, this act or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And furthermore, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd that the tenauntes and dwellers of euery of thesayed Counties in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of sainct Martyne the Byshop next ensuyng, certifie in the kinges sayd Court of exchequer vnder the seale of two Justices of Peace of euery of thesayd counties, wherof one to be of the Quorũ, when and at what day the last payment of thesayd seueral Mises in euery of the sayed Counties shall ende and expire.

¶ The. xxxvii Chapiter.

The kynges maiesties free and moost generall Pardon.

THe kynges moost roiall Maiestie, right well perceiuing his louing subiectes by many & sundry waies & meanes, to haue borne & sustained the great aduētures, charges and businesses of warres, & defences of this his realme, aswell in the tyme of his most deare father kyng Henry the eight, as in his time & reigne, entending of his clemencie and pitie to gratifie his said subiectes with his graces free and liberall pardon, according to his kyngly power, trustyng assuredly that his saied subiectes wyll continue his louing and assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in such sort obeie his highnes, lawes and statutes, as to theim and euery of theim of right appertaineth: is fully and resolutely cōtented and pleased, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to saie: that all & euery of his saied subiectes, aswell spirituall as temporall of this his Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Iernesey and Gernesey, Barwicke, Calleis, Guysnes, Hammes, Bulloigne and Bullonois, and the Marches of thesame, the heires, successours, executours, & administrators of them and euery of them, and all and synguler bodies in any maner of wyse corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, tounes, villages and tithynges, and euery of them, and the successor and successors of them, shalbe by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament acquited, pardoned, released & discharged against the kynges highnes, his heires, successours and executours, and euery of theim of all maner of treasons, heresyes, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanors, forfaitures, penalties, and profites, sommes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall, and pecuniary, and all other thinges, causes, quarelles, suites, iudgementes and execucions, whiche may be, or can be by his highnes in anywise, or by any meanes pardoned before, and vnto the. xiiii. daye of Marche in the yere of our lorde God M.ccccc.xlviii. other then suche as hereafter in this act be excepted or forprised, in such maner & fourme, and vnto suche times as they be excepted or forprised in this acte, and other then suche as the clauses of prouiso hereafter mencioned doth extende vnto.

AND also the kinges highnes is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that this his saied generall and free pardon, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of his saied subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, by thesaied generall wordes before re-

herſed in all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this preſent act excepted or forexpreſſed, as theſame pardon ſhould haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, cauſes matters, ſuites, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor contained in any clauſe of prouiſo hereafter mencioned, had ben particularly, ſyngularly, ſpecially, and playnly named, reherſed and ſpecified and alſo pardoned by proper and expreſſe wordes and names in their kindes, natures and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therunto requiſite to haue be put in and expreſſed in this acte of free pardon.

AND that his ſaied ſubiectes, nor any of them nor their executors nor adminiſtrateurs of any of them, nor any of theſaied bodies corporate, nor any other perſons, bodies politique or corporat before named, or any of them, be, nor ſhalbe ſued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes or cattalles, for any maner matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemeanor, forfaiture, treſpaſſe, offence, or any other thing ſuffred, done or committed againſt his highnes, croune, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or ſtatutes, but only for ſuche matters, cauſes and offences as be reherſed in the exceptions and clauſes of prouiſo, in this preſent acte hereafter mencioned, in ſuche maner and fourme, as in theſame exceptions and clauſes of prouiſo be mencioned and for none other, any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſes or preſidentes heretofore had, made, or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND alſo the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie by the aucthoritie of this preſent parliament graunteth, & freely geueth to euery of his ſaied ſubiectes and euery of theſaied bodies corporate, and other before reherſed, and to euery of them, al ſuche landes, tenementes, and hereditamētes, goodes, cattals, debtes, fines, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and ſummes of money by any of them forfaited, whiche to his highnes doth or ſhould belonge or appertaine, by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpaſſe, miſdemeanour, matter, cauſe, or quarell, ſuffred, done, or committed by them or any of them, whiche be not hereafter forprſed or excepted in this preſent acte.

AND that all and euery the kynges ſaied ſubiectes, and all and ſinguler bodies corporate, and other before reherſed, may by him or themſelfes, or by his or their deputie, or deputeis, or by his or their attorney or attorneis, according to the lawes of this realme, plead, and minifeſt this preſent act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge, of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this preſent acte perdoned diſcharged, geuen, or graūted without any fe or other thing in anywiſe paying to any perſone or perſones for writing, or entry of the iudgemēt, or other cauſe concerning ſuche plee, writing, or entrey, but onely .xii. d. to be paied to the officer or clarke that ſhall entre the plea, matter, or iudgement, for the diſcharge of any the partie ſo pleading theſame, any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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AND furthermore the kynges highnes is pleased and contended, that it be enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, ẏ his said free pardon by the generall wordes before rehersed shalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of courtes and els where, aswell in the woordes and clauses of exceptions and forpryses specified in this present acte, as in all and synguler other clauses, woordes and sentences mencioned and rehersed in this his saied free pardon, mooste beneficially and auailably to all and singuler his saied subiectes, bodies corporate and other before rehersed, and to euery of them in all thinges ambiguous or doubtfull, and moste strongly in barr and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executors, in euery thing, without any obstacle, chalēge or other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the kyng our soueraigne lorde his heires, successours, or executors, or by his or any of their generall attorney or attorneis or by any persone or persones for his highnes, or any of his heires, successors or executors.

AND furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any his highnes courtes commonly called the kynges Benche, Chauncery, and common place, or of his Exchequier, or of any other officer or clerke of any other courte within this realme or in Wales, or other his highnes dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the tenth day of May next comming, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a M cccc. xlix. make out or write out, any maner writtes or other processe, or any extractes, sommons, or other preceptes wherby any of the said subiectes or any of the saied bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of theim shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distrained, sōmoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattals, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending and therof lawfully cōdempned, shall yelde and paie for the recompēce therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble dammages, to be accompted as parcell of the dammages & costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and synguler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes, so to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by this acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effect.

Except alwaies and fore prised out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner prepensed and voluntary murders and poisoninges: And except all felonious, taking or stealing of any goodes or cattals out of any Churche, Chappell or dwellyng house, and all and synguler robberies and robbery of any persone or persones in or nere any high way committed, perpetrated or done.

AND also except and forprised out of this fre pardon, al and al ma-

ner of piracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed or perpetrated, sythen the first daye of January in the first yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde the king. And also all and all maner of punishementes, Impeticions, forfaitures, paynes of death, Judgementes, and executions for the premisses before excepted and for euery of them.

AND except and forepised out of this free pardon, al and al maner of deceates and conceilementes, of all and synguler Moniers, and other officers, ministers, and workemen of or in any of the mintes within any of the kinges Realmes or dominions, perpetrated, done, or committed in or aboute the makyng coynyng or alteryng of any money current within this realme, or in any wyse touching or concerning any accomptes or bookes of any of the sayd officers or ministers or any of them, and all maner of impeticions, punishmentes, forfaitures and peines for the same.

AND except and forepised out of thys free pardon, all and singuler sommes and somme of money graunted to late king Henry the eight by waie or meane of subsidie, fiftene, benevolence, loane and contribuciō or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And all determers, withholdynges and none paymentes, touchyng or concernyng the same, and also all and all maner of accōptes, and all actions, suites and demaundes touching or concernyng any accomptes, and all arrerages of accompte, and all debtes, Impeticions, suites, demaundes and executions by occasion or meanes of any accompt or for any accompt.

AND also except all tytles of actions of *quare impedit*, all raushmentes and withholding of the kynges wardes, and the withholdyng of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profites of the same landes and tenementes, and all and euery fyne or fynes for the syngle value or double value, of the mariage or mariages of any the kynges wardes, at any tyme, growen to the kyng oure soueraigne Lorde, or to any of hys noble progenitours.

AND also except all homages and reliefes, and all rentes seruices rentes charges, rentes seek, and tenthes and arrerages of euery of them.

AND also except and forepised out of this free pardon al and singuler forfeitures, and al maner of penalties, sūmes of money and profites whatsoeuer, growen or dewe by reason of any offence or acte committed or done, contrary to any Statute or statutes, or contrarie to the common lawe extendyng aboue the somme of ten poundes in money or value, whereof any seasure was made, or any informacion geuen in the kynges Exchequer or any suite there commenced and nowe dependyng before the .xii. daye of Febryary in the yere of our Lorde GOD M. cccc. xlviii. and not yet determined, or wherof the kynges hyghnes or kyng Henry the eight, by Writ Sealed wyth any of their Seales, before the fourten daye of Marche in the yere of our Lorde GOD

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M.cccc.xlviii. haue made any gifte or assignement, to any of the seruauntes of our soueraigne lorde the kyng, or kyng Henry the eight, or to any other persone or persones.

AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler forfaitures & sommes of money being dew to our soueraigne Lorde the king, or to king Henry theight, by any penal statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debtes by iudgement or by agreement of the offendour.

AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of debtes, dewe, and to be dew to our soueraine lorde the kyng, or vnto the late noble kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, and kyng Henry the seuenth, or to any of theim (other then suche as are due to our soueraigne lorde the kyng) vpon any obligacion or recognisaūce forfetted for none apparaūce, or for not keping of the peace, or not beig of good behauour.

AND also except al yssues, fines, and amerciamentes, affetid, tared, set, extracted, or entered seuerally, or particulerly, touching and concerning any one persone, or mo persons ioyntly, extending to the somme of twenty poundes or aboue. And that all and singuler other fines, aswel fines *pro licencia concordandi*, as other fines for contemptes or offences, set, or tared, and also all yssues, and amerciamētes aswell reall as other which seuerally or particulerly extend not vpon or concerning any one person or mo persones ioyntly, to the somme of twenty poundes, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any shrieke or shriekes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debt or not turned into debt, and not being leuied nor receiued by any shrieke or shriekes, bailief, ministers, or other officers, shall be fully, clerely, and plainely pardoned, & discharged against the king our soueraigne lorde his heires and successors for euer by this present act of free pardon.

AND be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that in case it shalbe obiected to or against any shrife or shriekes, or other accomptaunte or accoumptauntes in the kinges court of Exchequer or in any other his courtes, that any shrieke or shriekes, or other officers accomptaunte haue receaued or taken any suche fynes, yssues or amerciamētes, by this present act pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche shrieke or shriekes or other accomptes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned, & acquited therof by his or their othe without any further trial in ꝑ behalf

PROVIDED alwaies that this present acte of free pardon, nor any thing therin conteigned in any wise extend to discharge, pardon, remit, or acquite any persone or persons, for any maner of yssues, fines or amerciamentes of twentie pounde or vnder, wherof any shryfes hath heretofore accompted before the barons of the kinges exchequer, or elswhere, and paied the same yssues, fines, or amerciamentes, vpon his or

their saied accompt, determined to the kinges vse, and haue his or their quietus est for the same.

PROVIDED also and be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery person and persons which haue tended to sewe liuerey out of the kinges handes, or that ought to sew any liuerey out of the kinges handes, or that ought to sewe any *oster leman* of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, shal sue and be bounden to sue his and their liuereie, or liuereis, and *oster leman* of his and their manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done, if this free pardon had neuer bene graunted, any article, clause, matter, or sentence, acte or actes, thing or thinges in this present acte of fre pardon, comprysed or specified to the contrarie in anywise notwithstanding.

AND except and forprysed out of this free pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, being the saide. xiiij. daye of Marche in the yere of oure lorde God a M. cccc. xlviij. prisoner or prisoners in the coure of London, or in the fleete, or whiche were in the saied prisons, or any of theim at any tyme syns the fyrst day of Februarye, in the yere of our lord God M.cccc.xlviii. and are not discharged out of prysone the said.xiiii.daye of Marche: and also all and synguler persone & persones at any tyme before the eight daye of Marche in the said yere of our lord God M.cccc.xlviii. put to death or in execucion by vertue of any maner of iudgement against him or theim geuen.

AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and al maner of treasons done, committed or perpetrated by any persone or persones in any of the parties of beyond the sea, or in Scotland, by any person or persons nowe being beyond the sea, or in Scotlande (other then suche treasons or petit treason as hath ben committed, perpetrated or done by any person being beyond the sea, or in Scotlande, that before the feaste of the natiuitie of our lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our lord God M. cccc. xlix. shall come and make their returne and repayre into this realme of England.) And except al impeticions, punishmentes, forfaicturs, paines of death, executions and iudgementes, for the said treasons.

AND furthermore the kinges maiestie of his especiall grace and clemencye, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and established by thauctheritie aforesaid, that all and synguler persone and persones being borne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kinges dominions, and now being beyond the sea, or in Scotland, which before the first day of Marche, in the yere of our lorde God M.cccc.xlviii. did flee out of this realme of Englande, or any of the kynges dominions, for any high treason, petyt treason, misprision of treason, or for any felonie, murder or other crime or offence by him or theim in any wyse committed, done or perpetrated, shall by vertue of this fre pardon be clerely

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discharged, acquited and pardoned of all and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treason, and other offences, & crimes whatsoeuer, done, committed, or perpetrated before thesaid first day of Marche, in thesaied yere of our lorde God M.ccccc. xlviii. And of all maner of Impeticions, suites, penalties, forfaictours, and executions for the same: So that he or they do come, and make their retourne and repaier into this realme of England, on thisside thesaid feaste of the natiuitie of our lorde God M.ccccc.xlix.

AND also our sayed soueraigne lorde the king, by vertue of this act, & by thaucthoritie abouesaid, doth geue aucthoritie and licence to all and euery of thesaied person and persons, being beyond the sea or in Scotland, to returne & repaire into this realme of England, & other his dominiōs before ẏ same feast of ẏ natiuitie of our lord God M.ccccc. xlix.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lefull to all and euery clerke and other officer of any of the kynges courtes without any forfaiture, losse or punishement for thesame, to award and make writtes of *Capias Vtlagatum*, at the suite of the partie plaintife, against any persone or persons, being outlawed, in any accion, to the intent to compel the person or persons so outlawed to make aunswere to the plaintife or plaintefes, at whose suite he or they were or was outlawed, and also that that euery person & persons now being outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a write of *Scire facias* against the partie or parties at whose suite he or thei were or was outlawed before suche time as the persons or person so outlawed, shall take any aduaūtage of this free pardon concerning his or their outlary.

AND the kyng our soueraigne lorde, is contented and pleased, to graunt by thaucthoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to all and singuler Archebishops and bishops of this his realme of Englād & Wales to deliuer out of prison and set at libertie all and singuler those persones being in prison in their custody, or in the custody of any of them as clerke or clerkes conuict or attainted, which be pardoned by this act of free pardon, without any further act or suite to be made for the allowaunce of this pardon or otherwyse, any acte of Parliamēt, law, vsage, custome or other thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaied, that this present act of free pardon or any thyng therin contained, shall not in any wise extend to discharge or pardon any offence, pain, or penaltie, done, committed, or forfaited by force of any estatute heretofore made against the decaiyng of any house or houses of husbādry or conuertyng of any lande from tyllage into pasture, otherwyse or in any other maner, then to pardon and discharge all yssues, profites, paynes and penalties growen or due to the kynges maiestie or to his late father of famous memory king Henry the eight, before the last day of Marche in ẏ yere of our lord God M. ccccc.xlix. or by reason of any

ſuche offence or offences, whiche yſſues, profittes, paines and penalties are plainely and clearely before pardoned in and by this preſent act of free pardon, nor ſhall extende to geue or make any licence or diſpenſacion to any perſone or perſones to hold or continue theſame ſo decayed or conuerted contrarie to the forme of any ſuche eſtatute or ſtatutes.

¶ The. xxxviii. Chapiter.

¶ An act againſt the caryng of Bell Mettall out of the Realme.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Weſtmynſter in the. xxiii. yere, of our late ſouereigne Lorde of famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted, that no perſone nor perſones, ſhould carie or conuey by water, or otherwiſe, any braſſe, copper, lattyn, bell mettall, panne mettal, or gunne mettal, or ſhroffe mettall, whether it be cleane or mixed (tynne & lead only excepted) into any parte beyond the ſea, or into any outward realme or dominion, whatſoeuer it be, vpon paine of forfaiture, of the double value therof. And where alſo by theſaied eſtatute, it was likewyſe enacted, that no perſone, or perſones, ſhould at any time ſhyp, or cartie any of theſaied mettals, to cary or diſcharge theſame in any parte of this Realme, onleſſe ſuche perſone or perſones, before the ſhippyng therof, did declare and manifeſt vnto the cuſtomer of ſuche a porte, or creke, where theſame metall, ſhould be ſhipped, the true weight of all ſuche mettall, as ſhould be ſhypped, and ſhould alſo make a ſufficient obligacion, in the lawe, in the whiche he ſhould be bounden, to theſaied cuſtomer, to the kinges vſe, in ſuche ſome as ſhould amounte to the double value of theſaid mettall, ſo declared and manifeſted, with condicion that the ſame ſhould be diſcharged, at ſome porte, or creke, within this realme, and in no other place, vpon payne to forfaite theſame in maner and fourme aboue reherſed, as by theſaied acte amonges other thinges, more plainely appeareth. FOR as muche as the paines and forfaitures, in theſaied eſtatute are not great ynough, and forasmuche alſo as diuers couetous and gredie perſones hauing no reſpect or obedience to the lawes, haue craftely and by all ſiniſter meanes practiſed to defraude theſaied eſtatute, ſome by bribyng and rewarding the ſerchers, maiſters, purſſers, or other officers of ſhyppes ſome by ſecrete conueying therof in ſmall crekes, in ſuger cheſtes, hoggeſheddes or otherwiſe: Be it therfore ordeined & enacted, that from & after the feaſtes of Eaſter next comming, no perſon or perſons ſhall carry, or conuey, or ſhippe, to the entent to carie or conuey any braſſe, copper, latton, bell, mettall, panne mettall, Gonne metall, or ſhroffe mettall, whether it be cleare or myxed (tynne and Lead onely excepted) into any parte beyond the Sea, or into any outward Realme or Dominion, whatſoeuer it be,

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vpon paine to forfeite the double value therof, and ten poundes for euery thousand waight of the same mettall so carried and conueyed or shipped to the intent to be caried, or conueyed, the triall wherof shalbe in like maner and forme as in thesaied former acte is expressed.

AND be it further enacted, that no persone or persones, after the said feast, shall shippe or carye any of the saied mettals prohibited by this statute to carry, or discharge the same in any parte of this Realme, onlesse suche persone or persones before the shipping therof, do declare and manifest to the customer of suche porte or creeke, where the same mettall shalbe shypped, the true weight of all suche mettall as shalbe shipped, and shall also before the shipping therof, make a sufficient obligacion in the law, in whiche he shalbe bounden to thesaied customer to the kynges vse in suche some as shal amounte to the double value and ten pound for euery thousand weight so declared and manifested, with condicion as in thesaied estatute is appointed and enacted, and shall make certificat of the discharge therof in like maner as in thesaid estatute, is further ordeined and enacted.

AND be it further enacted, that if any customer, controller, or his or their deputie, or deputies, by coupn or by any other vndew meane will suffer any persone, after that the mettall is shipped or caried contrarie to the meaning of this acte to make obligacion or obligacions, without dates for the discharge & certificat of their metal, as is aforesaied, that then suche customer, so suffering or receiuing suche obligacion, or obligacions, shal lose his office & the value of the metal so shipped or caried.

AND be it further enacted, that if any maister, owner, purser, or boteswaine of any shippe, do willingly permitte or suffre any of the mettalles abouesaied to be shipped, contrarie to the tenour of this acte, or els perceiuing any suche mettall to be shipped, do not disclose the same within thre dates, after knowlege had, to the customer or controller of the same porte, or his or their deputie or deputies, where thesame is shipped: That then euery suche owner, maister, purser, or boteswayne, so willingly putting thesame mettall to be shipped or concealing thesame, when he perceiueth it to be shipped, shall forfaite the double value of thesame metall so shipped or caried. And if any customer or sercher do willingly suffer any of the metals aforesaied to be shipped contrarie to the meanig of this acte, or els hauing knowlege, that it is secretly shipped or carried, do not seaze the same to the kinges vse, then euery customer or searcher so offendyng shall lose his office, and the value of the mettall so shipped or caried.

AND be it further enacted, ꝑ no person nor persõs shal after thesaid feast, lade, ship or cary into any part beyond the sea, any of ꝑ mettalles aforesaied, but only out of such port or creke wher ꝑ customer or his deputie is resident & dwelling, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesaid mettall and ten poundes for euery thousand weight, so shypped or caried: the

moitie of all whiche forfaitures shalbe to our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same by bill, plaint, informacion, accion of dette, or otherwyse, in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche no essoine, or protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

AND be it further enacted, that the saied Estatute made in the saied xxviii. yere of the reigne of the saied late kyng Henry the eight, and euery article and prouision, being not altered by this estatute, shalbe good and effectuall.

¶ The. xxxix. Chapiter.
An acte for the pauyng of Calice.

FOrasmuch as the stretes, lanes, and waies, within the kinges maiesties toune of Calice, be very foule, ruinous, and noysome, and full of pyttes, & slowes, very daungerous, and perillous, aswel for the kynges subiectes thrugh and by them passing and repairing, aswell on horsebacke, as on foote, as also with cariage, for lacke of good pauing: for the good amendement and reformacio wherof, it may therfor please the kynges highnes with the assent of his Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his high courte of parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it may be ordeyned establisshed, and enacted, that all and euery persone, bodies politique, and corporate, whiche now haue or at any time hereafter shal haue, any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee symple, fee taile, for terme of life or for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeshyp of any heire during the nonage of the same heire or otherwise, lyeng or being within the saied toune of Calice, shall on thisside the feaste of saint Michell the archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God a M. fiue hundreth fiftie and one, well and sufficiently paue or cause to paued with pauing stone all the stretes, lanes, and waies, & causeis within the saied toune of Calice with the channell running in the middell: Euery man suche part & quantitie of the same stretes, lanes, and waies, and causeis vnto the middes of the same stretes, lanes, waies, and causeis, and euery of them in length, as his or their landes, or tenementes, do lye or extende: Except the foure hyghe stretes within the saied toune of Calice, whiche the Maior, and the Aldermen of the same toune haue vsed to paue and of right ought so to do. And also be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaied, that all and euery suche persones, hauing or whiche hereafter shall haue landes, or tenementes, in fee symple, fee taile, for terme of life, or otherwise as is aforesaid, lyeng, being, or adioyning, to and next either syde of the same stretes, lanes, waies, or causeis, or any

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of them theire heires, assignes, or successours, after and from the feast of saunct Michel the archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a thousand fiue hundreth fyftie and one, shall yerely maynteyne and repayre, the same pauementes, and euery of them, ouer against his or their saied landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from tyme, to tyme, whan and as often as nede shall require, at all tymes hereafter with pauing stone, vpon payne to forfayte, for euery yeard square not sufficiently paued, eight pence to the kynges maiesties vse, as often as any suche default of any persone, shalbe presented by the verdicte of twelfe men, or by thre sufficient witnesses, before the maior, and Aldermen, of the saied Toune of Calyce, for the tyme beyng. And that the saied Maior and Aldermen, of the same toune of Calice shal haue full power and authoritie to leuie the same to the kynges vse, by distres or playnt, in suche maner and fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed, and accustomed to leuie fines or amerciamentes, within the saied toune of Calice & the same to be paied in the kynges Exchequer there. And if the saied Maior and Aldermen, for the tyme beyng, be at any tyme or tymes negligent or remisse, in executing of the premisses vnto them appointed by this acte, and namely after two, or thre monitions, to them geuen by the lorde Deputie, Treasourer, and Comptroller, of the same toune, for the time beyng, or two of them, that then the saied lorde Deputie, Treasourer, and Comptroller, or two of them, shall from tyme to tyme, by vertue of this acte, haue full power and authoritie, to correct, and reforme the saied Maiors, and Aldermen, so founde in default, by resonable fine, or amerciament, to be leuied vpon them, by waye of distres or otherwyse by the forsaied Treasourer, and Comptroller to the kynges vse and behoufe, for euery suche default, the same fyne, or amerciament to be aunswered within the kynges Exchequer there.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it enacted, that if the lessees, or occupiers of the same landes, or tenementes, so to be paued within the saied toune, do sufficiently paue, or repare the same, before their mansions, or dwellyng places, the forsaied stretes, lanes, wayes, or causes: That they and euery of them shall defaulke, abate and retcine in hys or their owne handes, asmuche of the Rentes due to the lessors as they can duely proue to haue expended on the same pauyng. And the lessor, forsomuche as that some dothe amounte vnto, to haue no accion nor reentre for the none payment of the same, except it be otherwyse agreed betwene them. And where also within the saied Toune of Calice, there are diuerse houses and tenementes couered and thacked wyth Rede, and strawe, to the great perell and daungier of fyer, within the same toune (whiche God defende) For the spedie remedy and good reformacion whereof: be it also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament assembled, that from henceforth no persone nor persones, whatsoeuer they be, shall couer, or thacke, any maner hou-

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ses, or buildinges within the said toune with rede or strawe, but onely with tyle, or slate. And that all houses and buildinges which are alredy couered with rede or strawe within the said toune shalbe on thisside the feast of sainct Michel the Archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God a thousand fiue hundreth fiftie and two, wholy & fullie couered with tyle, or slate, at & by the proper costes & charges, of the takers of the profites of thesame houses, and buildinges, for the tyme being. And whatsoeuer owner or owners of thesaied houses, or tenementes, within thesame toune on this syde thesaied feast of sainct Mychell the archaungell, whiche shalbe in thesaied yere of our Lorde God a thousand fyue hundreth fiftie and two, do not take and plucke doune, thesame strawe, and rede, from thesayed buildinges and houses, and couer them againe newely with tyle, or slate, within thesame tyme: That then euery such owner, or owners, for not doing therof, in fourme abouesaid, shall forfaite to the kyng our soueraigne lorde, for euery mansion, house, not so done. x. pounde: The same forfaiture to be leuied by thesaied treasourer, and Comptroller, for the tyme being, to the kynges vse, and to be paied into the kynges Exchequier there.

Excusum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni Regij Impressoris, Mense Aprilis. M.D. xlix.

Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum solum.

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ACTES

made in the Seſſion of this preſent parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtminſter the.iiii.daie of Nouember, in the third yere of the reigne of oure moſte dradе ſouereigne Lord, Edward the. VI. by the grace of God kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faith, and of the churche of Englande and alſo of Ireland, in yearth the ſupreme hed: and there continued and kept to the firſt daie of Februarij, in the.iii.yere of oure ſaied ſouereigne lorde, as folowеth.

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